

By Representative R. Diaz de la Portilla

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Bay of Pigs and
3 Operation Mongoose Historical Site and
4 Memorial; designating the site; establishing an
5 oversight board and providing for membership on
6 the board; providing an effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, the Bay of Pigs invasion was launched on April
9 17, 1961, from a jetty located at the present location of the
10 Molasses Reef Marina at Mile Marker 99.5 On The Ocean at Key
11 Largo, and

12 WHEREAS, the 2506 Brigade invasion force was composed
13 of 1,500 Cuban expatriates, of which 300 were killed and 1,179
14 were captured by the Castro forces, and

15 WHEREAS, after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion,
16 the United States commenced Operation Mongoose, which was a
17 clandestine plan designed to subvert the Cuban government
18 through sabotage, propaganda, and infiltration, and

19 WHEREAS, it is fitting that a memorial be created to
20 recognize the members of the 2506 Brigade who were involved in
21 the Bay of Pigs invasion, NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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25 Section 1. (1) The following described area of the
26 jetty at Molasses Reef Marina, is designated as the Bay of
27 Pigs and Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial:

28 A 600 foot +/- spit (jetty) extending into Hawk
29 Channel in the Atlantic Ocean lying East of and
30 parallel to the following described channel
31 easement:

1 An easement along a portion of an existing
2 channel connecting the Kawama marina basin in
3 Monroe County, Florida to Hawk Channel, which
4 channel lies in Section 5, Township 62 South,
5 Range 39 East, Tallahassee Meridian and which
6 easement lies Southeasterly of Trustees for the
7 Internal Improvement Fund Deed (TIITF) #22835,
8 being 50 feet in width, lying 25 feet as
9 measured at right angles, on either side of the
10 following described centerline, the boundaries
11 of such being shortened or lengthened as
12 necessary to form a contiguous parcel of land:
13 Commencing at the Northeast corner of that
14 Section 5, thence S 89°30'20"W along the
15 Northerly line of Section 5 for a distance of
16 659.94 feet to the Northwest corner of the East
17 1/2 of Government Lot 1 of that Section 5;
18 thence South along the Westerly line of the
19 East 1/2 of Government Lot 1 and the Westerly
20 line of the East 1/2 of Government Lot 3 for
21 a distance of 2174.18 feet to the most Westerly
22 corner of the lands described in TIITF Deed
23 #22835; thence S31°00'00"E along the
24 Southwesterly boundary line of TIITF parcel
25 #22835 for a distance of 300.00 feet to the
26 most Southerly corner of TIITF parcel #22835;
27 thence N59°00'00"E along the Southeasterly
28 boundary of TIITF parcel #22835 for a distance
29 of 127.41 feet to the Point of Beginning of
30 following described centerline of the 50.00
31 foot parcel of submerged land; thence

1 S29°11'16"E for a distance of 390.00 feet to
2 the Point of Termination of the centerline.
3 (2) There is created the Bay of Pigs and Operation
4 Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial Oversight Board,
5 composed of one representative each from the John Pennekamp
6 Coral Reef State Park, the Molasses Reef Condominium
7 Association, the Molasses Reef Marina Corporation, and the Bay
8 of Pigs and Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial
9 Non-Profit Corporation, which shall oversee the development
10 and operation of the site.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Bay of Pigs and Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial and creates an oversight board.