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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**READY INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL**  
**ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** CS/HB 457  
**RELATING TO:** Road and Bridge Designations  
**SPONSOR(S):** Committee on Transportation and Representative(s) Spratt & others  
**TIED BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

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  - (2) READY INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL
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**I. SUMMARY:**

Section 334.071, F.S., explains the process for the Legislature to designate roads, bridges and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes.

The bill designates the following roads and bridges:

- The new U.S. Highway 27 bridge in the city of Moore Haven in Glades County is designated the "Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge."
- The old Nassau Sound Bridge on State Road 105 in Nassau and Duval counties is designated the "George Crady Bridge."
- The Thomasville Road "Flyover" (Bridge # 550122) is designated the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."
- A portion of U.S. 17 is designated the "Doyle Parker Memorial Highway."
- A portion of State Road 77 is designated the "Lynn Haven Parkway."
- The New River Bridge on State Road 16 is designated the "John S. "Steve" Dennard Bridge."
- A portion of State Road 121 is designated the "Ed Fraser Memorial Highway."
- A portion of State Road 16 is designated the "Correctional Officers Memorial Highway."
- A portion of U.S. 41 is designated the "Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."
- A portion of Interstate 75 is designated the "Purple Heart Memorial Highway."

The bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers at either end of the roads and bridges, noting the designations.

The bill has an estimated minimum initial fiscal impact of \$5,000 to DOT for producing and installing the markers.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

Less Government: State government is required to fund, erect, and maintain suitable markers.

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 334.071, F.S., explains the process for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not erase the current names of the facilities, nor do they require local governments and private entities to change street signs or addresses. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

Based on DOT records, 969 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill designates the following two roads and bridges:

- The new U.S. Highway 27 bridge in the city of Moore Haven in Glades County is designated the "Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge," and
- The old Nassau Sound Bridge on State Road 105 in Nassau and Duval counties is designated the "George Crady Bridge."
- The Thomasville Road "Flyover" (Bridge # 550122) is designated the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."
- U.S. 17, from Wauchula to Bowling Green is designated the "Doyle Parker Memorial Highway."
- State Road 77, between Baldwin Road and Mowat School Road, is designated the "Lynn Haven Parkway."
- The New River Bridge on State Road 16 is designated the "John S. "Steve" Dennard Bridge."
- State Road 121, from the Georgia-Florida line to the city limits of Lake Butler in Union County, is designated the "Ed Fraser Memorial Highway."
- State Road 16, from the southwestern city limits of Starke in Bradford County to State Road 121 in Union County, is designated the "Correctional Officers Memorial Highway."
- U.S. 41 in White Springs in Hamilton County is designated the "Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."
- Interstate 75, from the Georgia-Florida line to the city limits of Ocala, is designated the "Purple Heart Memorial Highway."

The bill also directs DOT to erect suitable markers announcing the designations.

**D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1:** Designates the new U.S. Highway 27 bridge in Moore Haven the “Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge.” Directs DOT to erect markers.

**Section 2:** Designates the old Nassau Bridge on State Road 105 in Nassau and Duval counties the “George Crady Bridge.” Directs DOT to erect markers.

**Section 3:** Designates the Thomasville Road “Flyover” (Bridge # 550122) as the “Veterans Memorial Bridge.” Directs DOT to erect markers

**Section 4:** Designates U.S. 17, from Wauchula to Bowling Green, as the “Doyle Parker Memorial Highway.”

**Section 5.** Designates State Road 77, between Baldwin Road and Mowat School Road in the city of Lynn Haven, as the “Lynn Haven Parkway.” Directs DOT to erect markers

**Section 6:** Designates the New River Bridge on State Road 16 as the “John S. “Steve” Dennard Bridge.” Directs DOT to erect markers

**Section 7:** Designates the State Road 121, from the Georgia-Florida line to the city limits of Lake Butler in Union County, as the “Ed Fraser Memorial Highway.” Directs DOT to erect markers

**Section 8:** Designates State Road 16, from the northwestern city limits of Starke in Bradford County to State Road 121 in Union County, as the “Correctional Officers Memorial Highway.” Directs DOT to erect markers

**Section 9:** Designates U.S. Highway 41 in White Springs in Hamilton County as the “Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway.” Directs DOT to erect markers

**Section 10:** Designates Interstate 75, from the Georgia-Florida line to the city limits of Ocala in Marion County, as the “Purple Heart Memorial Highway.” Directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

**Section 11:** Specifies this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

**III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

**A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

DOT expects initially to incur an estimated minimum cost of \$5,000 to implement the bill. Production and installation costs are estimated at \$250 per marker, at a minimum, and each designated road or bridge gets two markers. (DOT is in the process of revising its estimated cost per marker to \$400; in that case, the estimated fiscal impact of the bill is \$8,000.)

DOT also expects indeterminate recurring costs of maintaining these signs and replacing them, over time.

**B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

**C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:**

None.

**D. FISCAL COMMENTS:**

None.

**IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:**

**A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:**

The mandates provision is not applicable to an analysis of the bill because the bill does not require cities or counties to expend funds, or to take actions requiring the expenditure of funds.

**B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:**

The bill does not reduce the revenue-raising authority of counties or municipalities, in the aggregate.

**C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:**

The bill does not reduce the state tax revenues shared with counties or municipalities, in the aggregate.

**V. COMMENTS:**

**A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:**

The bill does not raise any constitutional issues

**B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:**

DOT has sufficient rulemaking authority to implement the bill.

**C. OTHER COMMENTS:**

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

On January 8, 2002, the Transportation Committee adopted five amendments that added eight honorary road or bridge designations:

- The Thomasville Road “Flyover” (Bridge # 550122) is designated the “Veterans Memorial Bridge.”
- A portion of U.S. 17 is designated the “Doyle Parker Memorial Highway.”
- A portion of State Road 77 is designated the “Lynn Haven Parkway.”
- The New River Bridge on State Road 16 is designated the “John S. “Steve” Dennard Bridge.”
- A portion of State Road 121 is designated the “Ed Fraser Memorial Highway.”
- A portion of State Road 16 is designated the “Correctional Officers Memorial Highway.”
- A portion of U.S. 41 is designated the “Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway.”
- A portion of Interstate 75 is designated the “Purple Heart Highway;” an amendment to the amendment added the adjective “Memorial.”

VII. SIGNATURES:

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