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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 477

RELATING TO: Road designations

SPONSOR(S): Representative(s) Baker

TIED BILL(S):

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

- (1) TRANSPORTATION
 - (2) COUNCIL FOR READY INFRASTRUCTURE
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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.

HB 477 designates that portion of State Road 19 in Lake County, from the north end of Lake County to its intersection with Highway 441 in Eustis as the "PFC Robert M. McTureous, Jr., U.S.M.C., Medal of Honor Memorial Highway."

The bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers along the designated stretch of highway.

HB 477 has an estimated initial fiscal impact of \$500 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 type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" 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:

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:

HB 477 designates that portion of State Road 19 in Lake County, from the north end of Lake County to the intersection of State Road 19 and Highway 441 in Eustis as the “PFC Robert M. McTureous, Jr., U.S.M.C., Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.”

According to the U.S. Army website, McTureous was serving with the 3d Battalion, 29th Marines, 6th Marine Division during military action against Japanese forces on Okinawa, on June 7, 1945. The Altoona, Fla. native sacrificed his life, lobbing hand grenades into enemy-occupied caves to divert gunfire from stretcher-bearers removing wounded U.S. soldiers. McTureous’ Medal of Honor citation reads: “For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.”

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1: Designates a portion of State Road 19 in Lake County the “PFC Robert M. McTureous, Jr., U.S.M.C., Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.” Directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2: 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 cost of \$500 to implement the bill. Production and installation costs are estimated at \$250 per marker, and each designated road gets two markers. 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 HB 477 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:

HB 477 does not reduce the revenue-raising authority of counties or municipalities.

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

HB 477 does not reduce the state tax revenues shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

HB 477 does not raise any constitutional issues.

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B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

DOT has sufficient rulemaking authority to implement HB 477.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

Not applicable.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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