

By Senators Sebesta, Lee, Miller and Crist

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to highway designations;  
3           designating the Old Gandy access road from  
4           Gandy Boulevard to the Friendship Trail Bridge  
5           as "Andrew J. Aviles Trail"; directing the  
6           Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
7           markers; providing an effective date.

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9           WHEREAS, Andrew J. Aviles was a popular and talented  
10          2002 graduate of T.R. Robinson High School in Tampa, Florida,  
11          who led the student body not only as the Student Government  
12          President, but by example of character and citizenship as  
13          well; and who was a cheerleader, wrestler, active in the  
14          National Junior ROTC program, a National Honor Society member,  
15          a Tampa Tribune Scholar, graduated third in his class, and had  
16          been awarded a full scholarship to Florida State University,  
17          and

18                 WHEREAS, Andrew delayed his college education to answer  
19          the call of duty and serve as a Lance Corporal in the U.S.  
20          Marine Corps Reserve as a member of the 4th Assault Amphibian  
21          Battalion based in Tampa, and

22                 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Aviles was killed in the line  
23          of duty in Iraq on April 7, 2003, while securing a bridge  
24          during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and

25                 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Aviles was laid to rest on June  
26          19, 2003, at Arlington National Cemetery with full military  
27          honors, and

28                 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Aviles was posthumously  
29          decorated with a Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps  
30          Achievement Medal for Superior Performance in the Line of  
31          Duty, and

1           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Aviles will forever be  
2 remembered as a role model and inspiration to all for his  
3 outstanding achievements during his short life; his love and  
4 devotion to his family, friends, and his country; and for the  
5 ultimate sacrifice he made, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9           Section 1. Andrew J. Aviles Trail designated;  
10 department to erect suitable markers.--

11           (1) The Old Gandy access road from Gandy Boulevard to  
12 the Friendship Trail Bridge is designated as "Andrew J. Aviles  
13 Trail."

14           (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to  
15 erect suitable markers designating Andrew J. Aviles Trail as  
16 described in subsection (1).

17           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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SENATE SUMMARY

21           Designates Old Gandy access road from Gandy Boulevard to  
22 the Friendship Trail Bridge as the Andrew J. Aviles  
Trail. Provides for the erection of markers.

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