

By the Committee on Transportation; and 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 in  
4           Hillsborough County from Gandy Boulevard to the  
5           Friendship Trail Bridge as "Andrew J. Aviles  
6           Trail"; directing the Department of  
7           Transportation to erect suitable markers;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11 Section 1. Andrew J. Aviles Trail designated;  
12 department to erect suitable markers.--

13 (1) The Old Gandy access road in Hillsborough County  
14 from Gandy Boulevard to the Friendship Trail Bridge is  
15 designated as "Andrew J. Aviles Trail."

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

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

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21 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
23 Senate Bill 1122

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25 The CS clarifies the road to be designated is in Hillsborough  
26 County.

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