

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 1288

SPONSOR: Senator Wise

SUBJECT: Highway designations

DATE: March 8, 2004

REVISED: 03/17/04 _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Eichin</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Fav/1 amendment</u>
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the Intracoastal Waterway bridge portion of the Wonderwood Connector on Wonderwood Road between Girvin Road and State Route A1A in Duval County as the “Charles E. Bennett Memorial Bridge.” Also, this bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable signs.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) For legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility; and (3) The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates the Intracoastal Waterway bridge portion of the Wonderwood Connector on Wonderwood Road between Girvin Road and State Route A1A in Duval County as the “Charles E. Bennett Memorial Bridge.” The FDOT is directed to erect suitable signs.

Charles E. Bennett served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 44 years, the longest tenure of anyone in Florida history. He won renown by setting an all-time record in Congress for not missing a single legislative vote in 41 years. He served one term in the Florida Legislature before serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. His military career included heroic jungle fighting in New Guinea and combat leadership of 1,000 guerrillas in the Philippines. For his extraordinary military valor, Representative Bennett received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Philippine Legion of Honor, and the Philippine Gold Cross. He was a member of the Infantry Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia. Mr. Bennett died September 6, 2003 at the age of 92.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$800 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designation. This is based on the assumption that two markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. The department will also have to pay the recurring cost of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

#1 by Transportation:

Designating the C. Fred Arrington Bridge on U.S. 27 between Tallahassee and Havana and crossing the Ochlockonee River as the C. Fred and Marvin Arrington Bridge. Directing the department to erect suitable markers.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
