

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** HB 29 Road Designations- Miami-Dade County  
**SPONSOR(S):** Brutus  
**TIED BILLS:** **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

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REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Transportation		Hammel	Miller
2) Transportation & Econ. Dev. Apps. (Sub)			
3) Appropriations			
4)			
5)			

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### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature.

HB 29 designates a portion of roadways within Miami-Dade County in honor of the following five persons. The person and the corresponding roadways are:

- Jean-Jacques Dessalines- State Road 922 (N.W. 125th Street) from N.W. 7th Avenue to Griffing Boulevard in Miami – Dade County is designated as “Jean – Jacques Dessalines Boulevard.”
- Fredrick Douglass- State Road 915 (N.E. 6th Avenue) from the north boundary of State House District 108 to U.S. Highway 1 in Miami – Dade County is designated as “Fredrick Douglass Boulevard.”
- Alexandre Petion- State Road 909 (West Dixie Highway) from the north boundary of the State House District 108 to N.E. 2nd Avenue in Miami –Dade County is designated as “Alexandre Petion Boulevard.”
- George Gill- State Road 5 (Biscayne Boulevard/U.S. Highway 1), from the north boundary of the State House District 108 to the south boundary of the State House District 108 in Miami – County is designated as “George Gill Boulevard”
- James Weldon Johnson- State Road 932 (N.W. 103rd Street) from the west boundary of State House District 108 to N.E. 6th Avenue in Miami Dade –County is designated as “James Weldon Johnson Boulevard.”

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers to denote the honorary designations. The markers will cost approximately \$4,000.00

HB 29 does not create any constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming law.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

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## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families?                 | 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. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does it require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings. The statute requires FDOT to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties then a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Based on FDOT records, 999 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

HB 29 creates five additional road designations:

- Jean-Jacques Dessalines- State Road 922 (N.W. 125th Street) from N.W. 7th Avenue to Griffing Boulevard in Miami – Dade County is designated as “Jean – Jacques Dessalines Boulevard.” Jean-Jacques Dessalines (1758-1806) was born a Haitian slave. In 1802 Dessalines fought against the French and after Haitian Independence he served as Emperor of Haiti from 1804-1806.
- Fredrick Douglass- State Road 915 (N.E. 6th Avenue) from the north boundary of State House District 108 to U.S. Highway 1 in Miami – Dade County is designated as “Fredrick Douglass Boulevard.” Fredrick Douglass (1817-1895) was born a slave and became an American abolitionist. He established the North Star (abolitionist newspaper) and edited it for 17 years. He also served as minister to Haiti from (1889-1891)
- Alexandre Petion- State Road 909 (West Dixie Highway) from the north boundary of the State House District 108 to N.E. 2nd Avenue in Miami –Dade County is designated as “Alexandre Petion Boulevard.” Alexandre Petion (1770-1818) was a Haitian revolutionist. In 1799 Petion helped lead the fight of the expulsion of the English from Haiti. In 1807 he was chosen as President for life of the Republic of S. Haiti.
- George Gill- State Road 5 (Biscayne Boulevard/U.S. Highway 1), from the north boundary of the state House District 108 to the south boundary of the State House District 108 in Miami – County is designated as “George Gill Boulevard.” George Gill died on July 14, 1992 at the age of 77. He promoted film and television production in South Florida. He came to Miami in 1927 and he graduated

from the Miami Military Academy. Mr. Gill then went to work on Broadway until he went into U.S. Navy in World War II. In 1967 he returned to Miami and established the Stage and Equipment Lighting Inc.

•James Weldon Johnson- State Road 932 (N.W. 103rd Street) from the west boundary of State House District 108 to N.E. 6th Avenue in Miami Dade –County is designated as “James Weldon Johnson Boulevard.” James Weldon Johnson (1871-1931) an American author born in Jacksonville, Florida. Johnson was the first African American to be admitted to the Florida bar and later was the American consul in Venezuela and in Nicaragua (1906-1912). He helped found and was the national Secretary for the NAACP. He is also the author of the Lift Every Voice and Sing (1900)

This bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers conveying these designations.

HB 29 takes effect upon becoming law.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Creates an honorary designation of “Jean-Jacques Dessalines Boulevard” in Miami- Dade County.

Section 2: Creates an honorary designation of “Fredrick Douglas Boulevard” in Miami- Dade County.

Section 3: Creates an honorary designation of “Alexandre Petion Boulevard” in Miami- Dade County.

Section 4: Creates an honorary designation of “George Gill Boulevard” in Miami- Dade County.

Section 5: Creates an honorary designation of “James Weldon Johnson Boulevard” in Miami- Dade County.

## II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

1. Revenues: None
2. Expenditures: FDOT estimates that the cost to erect suitable road designating markers is approximately \$800.00 per designation. The markers for the bill’s five designations will cost approximately \$4,000. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost.

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

1. Revenues: None
2. Expenditures: None

#### C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS: None

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision: Not Applicable
  
2. Other: None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient rule-making authority to implement HB 29

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS: None

### IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES