

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 534

SPONSOR: Senator Lynn

SUBJECT: Highway designations

DATE: March 8, 2004

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	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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## I. Summary:

This bill designates State Road 207 between I-95 in St. Johns County and the intersection with U.S. Highway 17 in Putnam County as the “Browning-Pearce Memorial Highway.” The bill designates U.S. 17 in Putnam County from Crescent City to the Volusia County line as the Jerome A. Williams Memorial Highway. State Road 16, within the limits of Penney Farms in Clay County, is designated as the James C. Penney Memorial Boulevard. The C. Fred Arrington Bridge on U.S. Highway 27 between Tallahassee and Havana is redesignated the C. Fred and Marvin Arrington Bridge. The bill designates U.S. 192 from St. Cloud in Osceola County to I-95 in Brevard County as the Howard E. Futch Memorial Highway. The St. Johns River Bridge on Interstate 4 is designated as the St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge. Also, the bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

## 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:**

**Section 1** - This bill creates the “Browning-Pearce Memorial Highway” at State Road 207 between I-95 in St. Johns County and the Intersection with U.S. Highway 17 in Putnam County. Also, the bill directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

On April 3 1956, East Palatka Elementary School was renamed Browning-Pearce Elementary School at the request of the Parent/Teacher Association. This was to honor S.S. Browning Jr. who gave materials and inspiration to the beginnings of the school, and Basil C. Pearce, a former student who was killed during World War II.

**Section 2** - This bill creates the Jerome A. Williams Memorial Highway on that portion of U.S. Highway 17 in Putnam County from Crescent City south to the border at Volusia County and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

One week after his 21st birthday, Jerome Williams was attending training at the Correctional Institute in Starke. Mr. Williams and other correctional officers went to a local restaurant to celebrate the conclusion of a long day of test-taking. A man came inside the restaurant and said a female corrections officer was being assaulted in the parking lot. Mr. Williams and several other men went outside to help. Mr. Williams ordered the man to stop and ordered everyone to take cover. In the process of protecting the safety of the other officers, he was shot and killed. He was awarded the Medal of Honor (posthumously) by the American Police Hall of Fame.

**Section 3** - This bill creates the James C. Penney Memorial Boulevard on that portion of State Road 16 in Putnam County within the town limits of the Town of Penney Farms and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

J.C. (James Cash) Penny, founder of the J.C. Penny department stores, purchased 120,000 acres of land in Clay County in the early 1900's and invited farmers to claim 40-acre tracts by clearing the land, building houses, growing crops, and raising livestock. At that time, the town was known as Long Branch City. The Florida State Legislature chartered 1500 acres of the community in 1927 as the Town of Penny Farms. The Town has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1999 and is a Florida State Landmark.

**Section 4** - This bill designates the C. Fred and Marvin Arrington Bridge located on U.S. Highway 27 between Tallahassee and Havana and crossing the Ochlockonee River and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Marvin Arrington was the son of former House member C. Fred Arrington who represented Gadsden County, and whose name currently identifies this bridge. Marvin Arrington's first job was in the House mail room when he was 16. He went on during his career to represent such important groups as the Florida Association of Architects and the Florida Realtors Association. On March 19, 2002, Marvin Arrington died of a heart attack at the age of 42.

**Section 5** - This bill creates the Howard E. Futch Memorial Highway on that portion of U.S. Highway 192 from Interstate 95 in Brevard County to St. Cloud in Osceola County and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

**Section 6** - This bill designates the St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge on Interstate 4 at the Seminole/Volusia County line and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

D. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

E. Private Sector Impact:

None.

F. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$4800 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for each designation. This is based on the assumption that twelve 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.

**V. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VI. Related Issues:**

None.

**VII. Amendments:**

None.

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

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