

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 555 Road and Bridge Designations
SPONSOR(S): Baker
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 656, SB 370, SB 534

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Sub. on Transportation Systems</u>	_____	<u>Hammel</u>	<u>Miller</u>
2) <u>Transportation</u>	_____	_____	_____
3) <u>Transportation & Econ. Dev. Apps. (Sub)</u>	_____	_____	_____
4) <u>Appropriations</u>	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

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 555 designates:

- A portion of State Road 19 in Lake County from the northern boundary at Marion County of U.S. Highway 441 as the "Private Robert M. McTureous, Jr., U.S.M.C., Medal of Honor Memorial Highway."
- The eastbound and westbound spans of the St. Johns River bridge, designated bridge number 790196 and bridge number 790197, on Interstate Highway 4 between Seminole and Volusia Counties as the "St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge."

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers to denote the honorary designations. The markers will cost approximately \$ 1,600.00

HB 555 does not create any constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 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 555 creates two additional road designations:

- A portion of State Road 19 in Lake County from the northern boundary at Marion County of U.S. Highway 441 as the “Private Robert M. McTureous, Jr., U.S.M.C., Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.”
- The eastbound and westbound spans of the St. Johns River bridge, designated bridge number 790196 and bridge number 790197, on Interstate Highway 4 between Seminole and Volusia Counties as the “St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge.”

FDOT is direct to erect suitable markers for the designations.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Creates an honorary designation of “Private Robert M. McTureous, Jr., in U.S.M.C., Medal of Honor Memorial Highway” in Lake and Marion Counties.

Section 2: Creates an honorary designation of “St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge” in Seminole and Volusia Counties.

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 two designations will cost approximately \$1,600. 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 555

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

