

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 478

INTRODUCER: Senator Wilson

SUBJECT: Highway Designation

DATE: March 31, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woods	Meyer	TR	Pre-meeting
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

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. The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 478 designates that portion of N.W. 135th Street between N.W. 27th Avenue and N.W. 37th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “A.B. Martin Street.”
- The Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are 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:

The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 478 designates that portion of N.W. 135th Street between N.W. 27th Avenue and N.W. 37th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “A.B. Martin Street.” Approximately thirty years ago, A.B. Martin saw Opa Locka as an ideal place to establish his roofing company. He purchased land on the corner of N.W. 135th Street and N.W. 37th Avenue, and constructed an expensive building. In addition to this company, he owns and operates several other companies including, A.B. Martin Mortgage, A.B. Martin Lumber, A.B. Martin Building Supply, and A.B. Martin Transfer Station. Never losing faith in the area, he made a decision in March 2000 to expand his businesses in Opa Locka by opening a restaurant. He felt the area was in need of a good family restaurant. Although his advisors tried to discourage him, he built and opened Crabby’s Smoke House. During the last four and a half years, the business has grown and proven to be a success for both Crabby’s and the community.

The community has benefited in several ways by the businesses that Mr. Martin has owned in the area. Primarily, Opa Locka benefited because these companies brought businesses, individuals, and customers from the surrounding sub-divisions into the area. Secondly, the city benefited from the income generated from taxes. Third, and probably most significantly, the citizens benefited from the job opportunities offered by the various companies. During the last 30 years, a vast number of local residents have been employed by Mr. Martin’s companies. In addition, Mr. Martin works with Opa Locka Work Release Center. By hiring and training these men as either waiters or kitchen staff, Mr. Martin is giving these individuals a chance to learn a trade. When they are released from the center, they have the opportunity to become productive citizens who can contribute to the community. Recently he expanded his relationship with the Work Release Center to include hiring for A.B. Martin Roofing. This relationship is working well for all.

In addition to his businesses and employment opportunities, Mr. Martin has been a strong supporter of the community. He has generously contributed to much of the community’s financial needs and has sponsored numerous community events.

- FDOT is directed 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.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designating markers to be \$800 (\$400 per marker). The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is also responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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