

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Transportation Committee

BILL: CS/SB 406
INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Dean
SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations
DATE: December 7, 2011 **REVISED:** _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Abrams	Buford	TR	Fav/CS
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

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| A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statement of Substantial Changes |
| B. AMENDMENTS..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | Technical amendments were recommended |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Significant amendments were recommended |

I. Summary:

The bill creates a number of honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state. Designations are as follows:

- U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road and N.E. 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 24 between County Road 347 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy County is designated as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.”

- U.S. Highway 27A/State Road 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and Town Court in Levy County is designated as “U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County is designated as “USS Stark Memorial Drive.”
- The portion of State Road 44 in Lake County between U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 44/East Orange Avenue near Eustis is designated as “Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF “Malibu” Road.”
- The portion of State Road 19 in Putnam County between U.S. 17/State Road 15 and Carriage Drive is designated as “Veterans Memorial Highway.”

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring 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.

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (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.

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 bill makes the following designations:

Section 1: Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.” The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Thomas Corbin, born in Old Town Dixie, lived in Cross City, served in the United States Army as a Specialist Fourth Class and was killed in action during the Vietnam War during a mission against the Viet Cong. He was awarded the Silver Star due to his dedication and commitment.

Section 2: Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/ Kate Green Road and N.E. 170th Street in Dixie County as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway.” The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Samuel Chavous Jr. was born in Cross City and served in the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam War where he was killed in action. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Section 3: Designates the portion of State Road 24 between County Road 374 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.” The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Lance Corporal Brian Buesing was born and raised in Cedar Key. He enlisted in the Marines and at the age of 21 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was killed in action while trying to protect two fellow Marines. For his bravery and dedication, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Section 4: Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy County as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.” The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Army Sergeant Karl Campbell of Chiefland enlisted in the Army in 1995 and served as an infantryman until 2003. He re-enlisted in November 2009. Sergeant Campbell died from wounds suffered when insurgents in Afghanistan attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Section 5: Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 27A/State Road 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and Town Court in Levy County as “U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway.” The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Army Specialist James Page of Bronson died from an improvised explosive device at the age of 23 in Afghanistan on August 31, 2010. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Section 6: Designates the portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County as “USS Stark Memorial Drive.”

On May 17, 1987 an Iraqi jet fighter fired upon the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf, causing thirty-seven United States sailors to lose their lives and seriously injuring twenty-one others. The USS Stark, a ship deployed on a routine peace-keeping mission from the Mayport navy base in Jacksonville, only survived this unprovoked attack through the determination and heroic actions of its crew.

Section 7: Designates the portion of State Road 44 in Lake County between U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 44/East Orange Avenue as “Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF “Malibu” Road.”

Captain Jim Reynolds Jr., a decorated Air Force Academy graduate, was killed when his F-16 crashed at the Nellis Air Force Base Range on August 10, 1993. Captain Reynolds became a

member of the 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Homestead AFB, FL and was later selected to join the Adversary Tactics Division of Red Flag at Nellis AFB, NV. Through his career, Captain Reynolds served as an instructor pilot, chief of Squadron Standardization/Evaluation, mission commander, and a member of the Weapons and Tactics Branch. He received many distinctions, including the ATC Commander's Trophy, winning the low-angle strafe (LAS) and several Top Gun competitions, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, a Combat Readiness Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Section 8: Designates the portion of State Road 19 in Putnam County between U.S. 17/State Road 15 and Carriage Drive as "Veterans Memorial Highway" in recognition of military veterans.

Section 9: The bill will take effect on July 1, 2012, if passed by the Legislature.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Staff estimates the cost to erect road designation markers required under this bill to be at least \$8,000. This is based on the assumption that 16 markers will be erected for six road designations at a cost of no less than \$500 each. This includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time. The estimate does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, dedication event costs, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Transportation on December 7, 2011:

The bill was amended to add the USS Stark Memorial Drive, Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF “Malibu” Road and Veterans Memorial Highway road designations. The Nona and Papa road designation was removed from the bill. The fiscal was adjusted to reflect the new number of road designations.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.