

By Senator Thrasher

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation facility
3 designations; providing honorary designation of a
4 certain transportation facility in a specified county;
5 directing the Department of Transportation to erect
6 suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, on May 17, 1987, while on maneuvers in the Persian
9 Gulf, the guided-missile frigate USS Stark was fired upon by an
10 Iraqi jet fighter and struck by two antiship missiles, and

11 WHEREAS, 37 United States sailors lost their lives and
12 another 21 sailors were seriously wounded during the unprovoked
13 attack, and

14 WHEREAS, the USS Stark was based in Mayport, and

15 WHEREAS, on May 17, 2012, the anniversary of the missile
16 attack on the USS Stark, Mayport Naval Base will hold a memorial
17 service to honor the men and women who gave their lives while
18 serving their country, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. USS Stark Memorial Drive designated; Department
23 of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

24 (1) That portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between
25 State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County is
26 designated as "USS Stark Memorial Drive."

27 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
28 suitable markers designating USS Stark Memorial Drive as
29 described in subsection (1).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.