

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

<b>BILL #:</b>	CS/HB 7039	<b>FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:</b>	
<b>SPONSOR(S):</b>	Economic Affairs Committee, Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Drake (Community Affairs; Transportation; Dean)	117 Y's	0 N's
<b>COMPANION BILLS:</b>	CS/CS/SB 406	<b>GOVERNOR'S ACTION:</b>	Approved

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

CS/HB 7039 passed the House on February 23, 2012, was amended by the Senate on February 29, 2011, and subsequently passed the House on March 6, 2012. The bill includes elements of other House bills as companion measures. Please see LEAGIS or myfloridahouse.gov for a list of these bills. The bill makes designations and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for those designations in each of the following counties.

- Alachua County
- Bay and Gulf Counties
- Brevard County
- Bradford, Union, and Columbia Counties
- Broward County
- Columbia and Hamilton County
- Dixie County
- Duval County
- Escambia County
- Gadsden County
- Hernando and Pasco County
- Highlands County
- Hillsborough County
- Indian River County
- Lafayette County
- Lake County
- Levy County
- Marion County
- Miami-Dade County
- Monroe County
- Nassau County
- Okaloosa County
- Orange County
- Pinellas County
- Putnam County
- Union County
- Walton County
- Washington County

The bill also corrects errors in the Miss Lillie Williams Boulevard and Father Jean-Juste Street designations that passed in 2010.

The bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$55,000, which is the cost for DOT to erect the markers.

The bill was approved by the Governor on April 6, 2012, ch. 2012-228, Laws of Florida. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2012.

## I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

### A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

#### Present Situation

Section 334.071, F.S., provides 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 the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The statute 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, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government. Upon approval, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is required to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

#### Designations Background

- SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin was killed in combat in South Vietnam in 1968. He received the Army Silver Star.
- Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., was killed in combat in South Vietnam in 1968.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Brian Rory Buesing was killed in combat in Iraq in 2003.
- Army Sgt. Karl Andrew Campbell was killed in Afghanistan in 2010.
- Army SPC. James Anthony Page was killed in Afghanistan in 2010.
- Based in Mayport, FL., the USS Stark was attacked by an Iraqi jet fighter in 1987, killing 37 American sailors.
- Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF "Malibu" was killed during a training mission at the Nellis Air Force Base Range in Nevada in 1993.
- U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez was killed in Afghanistan in October 2009.
- U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage died in Iraq in May 2004.
- Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Sgt. Nicholas G. Sottile was killed in the line of duty on January 12, 2007.
- Corporal Michael Joseph Roberts was a Tampa Police Officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty on August 19, 2009.
- Sheriff Stanley H. Cannon was sheriff of Lafayette County from 1971 to 1980. He passed away on May 11, 2011.
- Brett Fulton & Josh Burch were Division of Forestry firefighters killed while fighting the Blue Ribbon Fire in Hamilton County on June 20, 2011.
- Deputy John C. Mecklenburg was a Hernando County Sheriff's Deputy killed in the line of duty on July 3, 2011.
- Deputy Jack A. Romeis was an Alachua County Sheriff's Deputy killed in the line of duty.
- Deputies Hal P. Croft and Ronald Jackson were Union County Sheriff's Deputies killed in the line of duty.
- Duval County Law Enforcement Memorial honors the law enforcement community in Duval County.
- Alma Lee Loy was the first woman elected to the Indian River County Commission.
- Joyce Webb Nobles cut the ribbon when the East Cervantes Street Bridge (State Road 10A) in Pensacola opened in 1935 and 70 years later when a concrete bridge replaced the original wooden structure. She was also a community leader in Pensacola.
- Edna Sampson Hargrett-Thrower was the head of the Choral Music Department at Jones High School in Orlando. She passed away on April 19, 2010
- Coach Jimmy Carnes was the track coach at the University of Florida from 1965 to 1976. He passed away on March 3, 2011.

- Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore were early pioneers of the civil rights movement who were killed for their activities on December 25, 1951.
- Joe Roth, Jr., was a philanthropist and entrepreneur in the Florida Keys.
- Jim Mandich was a player for the Miami Dolphins and a radio host and commentator.
- Tanya Martin Oubre Pekel was a Miami native who served as an associate director of Education and Policy Planning in the Clinton White House. She passed away on May 22, 2006.
- Jacob Fleishman founded Jacob Fleishman Cold Storage, a fourth generation family business.
- Margaret Haines is active in community outreach activities in Miami-Dade County.
- West Park Boulevard is designed to increase the visibility of the City of West Park.
- Pembroke Park Boulevard is designed to increase the visibility of the City of Pembroke Park.
- Florencio “Kiko” Pernas was an immigrant from Cuba and he owned several video stores and pawn shops in Hialeah.
- Dr. Óscar Elías Biscet is a Cuban medical professional and a noted advocate for human rights who is currently in prison in Cuba for alleged crimes against the sovereignty and the integrity of Cuba.
- Ivey Edward Cannon was a farmer in Hillsborough County since 1935 who also operated the Blackwater Creek Ultralight Flight Park since 1983. He passed away on June 16, 2004.
- Samuel B. Love was a citrus grower and rancher who was involved in the agricultural community.
- Ben G. Watts served as Secretary of DOT from 1989 to 1997.
- Carlos Rodriguez Santana was the founder of the Brigada 2506, a group of CIA-recruited anti-Castro Cuban exiles that fought in the Bay of Pigs invasion in May 1960. He died in training in Guatemala in September 1960.
- Hugh Anderson was a land developer who was instrumental in the construction of Biscayne Boulevard.
- P.E. “Gene” Carpenter directed all the Federal Highway efforts in Florida from 1971 until his retirement in 1986.
- Verna Bell was a community activist in Fernandina Beach.
- Elvin Martinez was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1974 and from 1978 to 2000.
- Miami Medical Team is a group of medical doctors who provide relief to people in third world countries torn by natural or man-made catastrophes.
- Benjamin Leon, Jr., is the founder of Leon Medical Centers, Inc.
- Rev. Max Salvador was a priest and pastor who ministered to the Spanish-speaking community in Miami-Dade County.
- Aleida Leal is a radio personality on Spanish language radio in Miami-Dade County.
- Ann Carlton was a musician and community leader in Miami-Dade County.
- Amadeo Lopez Castro, Jr., was an engineer and banker who served as chairman of Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Public Health Trust.
- Pastor Marvin Gochenour is the founder of First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake, Westwood Christian School, and Circle C. Youth Ranch.
- Rev. Jorge Comesanas was a pastor who served various churches in the United States and Cuba.
- Alfred Lawson, Jr., served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1982 to 2000, and in the Florida Senate from 2000 to 2010.
- Creola Rutledge is the long time cook at the Coffee Cup in Pensacola.
- Charles Modica, Sr., is the owner of the famous Modica market and is considered a founding father and ambassador of Seaside, FL. He passed away in October 2010.
- Lourdes P. Aguila is the founder of La Liga Contra el Cancer (League Against Cancer).

### Effect of Changes

The bill makes the following honorary designations which, for ease of reference, are listed by county:

Alachua County

- That portion of S.W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, in front of James G. Pressley Stadium and 4211 S.W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, between S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Fraternity Row/Drive in Alachua County, as “Coach Jimmy Carnes Boulevard.”
- That portion of State Road 26A in Alachua County between West University Avenue and S.W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Gainesville as “Deputy Jack A. Romeis Road.”

#### Bay County and Gulf Counties

- That portion of State Road 22 between U.S. Highway 98 in the City of Springfield in Bay County and State Road 71 in the City of Wewahitchka in Gulf County as “Veterans’ Parkway.”

#### Brevard County

- That portion of State Road 46 in Brevard County from U.S. 1 to the Volusia County line as “Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of State Road 513 between Banana River Drive and Eau Gallie Boulevard as “U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of State Road A1A between Pinetree Drive and Eau Gallie Boulevard as “U.S. Marine Corporal Dustin Schrage Highway.”

#### Bradford, Union, and Columbia Counties

- That portion of County Road 18 in Bradford, Union, and Columbia Counties between State Road 100 in Bradford County and State Road 20 in Columbia County as “Santa Fe Military Trail.”

#### Broward County

- That portion of U.S. Highway 441/State Road 7 between State Road 824/Pembroke Road and State Road 852/N.W. 215<sup>th</sup> Street/County Line Road in Broward County as “West Park Boulevard.”
- That portion of State Road 858/Hallandale Beach Boulevard between Interstate 95/State Road 9 and S.W. 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Broward County as “Pembroke Park Boulevard.”

#### Columbia and Hamilton Counties

- That portion of State Road 6 in Hamilton and Columbia Counties as “Brett Fulton & Josh Burch Memorial Highway.”

#### Dixie County

- That portion of U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592<sup>nd</sup> Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592<sup>nd</sup> Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road and N.E. 170<sup>th</sup> Street in Dixie County as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway.”

#### Duval County

- That portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County as “USS Stark Memorial Drive.”
- The Interstate 295/State Road 9A overpass (Bridge Numbers 720256 and 720347) over Interstate 10/State Road 8 in Duval County as “Duval County Law Enforcement Memorial Overpass.”

#### Escambia County

- The U.S. Highway 90/98, State Road 10A, East Cervantes Street Bridge (Bridge Number 480198) in Escambia County as “Joyce Webb Nobles Bridge.”
- That portion of E. Cervantes Street/U.S. 90 in Escambia County between N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and N. Davis Highway in Pensacola as “Creola Rutledge Parkway.”

#### Gadsden County

- That portion of U.S. Highway 90/State Road 10/East Jefferson Street between State Road 12/State Road 65/Madison Street and County Road 159 as “Alfred Lawson, Jr., Highway.”

#### Hernando and Pasco Counties

- That portion of U.S. Highway 41/State Road 45 between State Road 50 in Hernando County and State Road 52 in Pasco County as “Deputy John C. Mecklenburg Memorial Highway.”

#### Highlands County

- Milepost 22.182 on U.S. Highway 27 in Highlands County as “Florida Highway Trooper Sgt. Nicholas G. Sottile Memorial.”

#### Hillsborough County

- I-275 in Hillsborough County between the Livingston Avenue Bridge and the intersection with I-75 at the Hillsborough-Pasco County line as “Corporal Michael Joseph Roberts Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of Tampa Bay Boulevard between Armenia Avenue and Himes Avenue in Hillsborough County as “Elvin Martinez Road.”
- Bridge Numbers 100646 and 100647 on Paul S. Buchman Highway/State Road 39 between County Line Road and Half Mile Road in Hillsborough County as “Ivey Edward Cannon Memorial Bridge.”

#### Indian River County

- Bridge Number 880077 on State Road 656 in Indian River County between State Road A1A and Indian River Boulevard in Vero Beach as “Alma Lee Loy Bridge.”

#### Lafayette County

- That portion of State Road 51 between Cooks Hammock and the Lafayette/Taylor County Line in Lafayette County as “Sheriff Stanley H. Cannon Memorial Highway.”

#### Lake County

- That portion of State Road 44 in Lake County between U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 44/East Orange Avenue near Eustis as “Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF ‘Malibu’ Road.”

#### Levy County

- That portion of State Road 24 between County Road 347 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Levy County as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.”
- That 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.”

#### Marion County

- That portion of Sunset Harbor Road between S.E. 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S.E. 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Marion County as “Samuel B. Love Memorial Highway.”

#### Miami-Dade County

- That portion of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway between on-ramp 87260330 and on-ramp 87260333 in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Jim Mandich Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of State Road 932/N.E. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street between N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Tanya Martin Oubre Pekel Street.”
- That portion of State Road 934/N.W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street between N.W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Jacob Fleishman Street.”
- That portion of N.W. 59<sup>th</sup> Street between N.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and N.W. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Margaret Haines Street.”
- That portion of State Road 953/LeJeune Road/N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between East 32<sup>nd</sup> street and East 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County as “Florencio ‘Kiko’ Pernas Avenue.”
- That portion of State Road 972/S.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between S.W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and S.W. 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Douglas Road in Miami-Dade County as “Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet Boulevard.”
- That portion of U.S. 41/State Road 90/S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street/Tamiami Trail in Miami-Dade County between S.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and State Road 933/S.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues as “BRIGADA 2506 STREET, Carlos Rodriguez Santana.”
- That portion of Biscayne Boulevard from N.E. 88<sup>th</sup> Street to N.E. 105<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami Shores Village in Miami-Dade County as “Hugh Anderson Boulevard.”
- That portion of State Road 372/S.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between S.W. 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and State Road 9/S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Miami Medical Team Way.”

- That portion of State Road 9/27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between U.S. 1/State Road 5/South Dixie Highway and U.S. 441/State Road 7 in Miami-Dade County as “Benjamin Leon, Jr., Way.”
- That portion of State Road 9/S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between U.S. 41/State Road 90/S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street/Tamiami Trail and S.W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County as “Reverend Max Salvador Avenue.”
- That portion of State Road 698/West Flagler Street between S.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and N.W. 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Aleida Leal Way.”
- Bridge No. 870002 on U.S. 1/SR 5/Biscayne Blvd. between N.E. 77<sup>th</sup> Street and N.E. 78<sup>th</sup> Street crossing Little River Canal as “Mrs. Ann Carlton Bridge.”
- That portion of S.W. 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Red Road between S.W. 78<sup>th</sup> Street and S.W. 88<sup>th</sup> Street/Kendall Drive in Miami-Dade County as “Amadeo Lopez-Castro, Jr., Way.”
- That portion of Miller Road/S.W. 56<sup>th</sup> Street between S.W. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S.W. 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Pastor Marvin Gochenour Way.”
- That portion of S.W. 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue between S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and S.W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County as “Rev. Jorge Comesanas Way.”
- That portion of S.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Coral Way to S.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Coral Way to S.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street as “Lourdes P. Aguila Street.”

#### Monroe County

- Whale Harbor Bridge (Bridge Number 900076) on U.S. Highway 1/State Road 5 in Monroe County as “Whale Harbor Joe Roth, Jr. Bridge.”

#### Nassau County

- That portion of State Road 200 between Lime Street and Beech Street in the City of Fernandina Beach in Nassau County as “Verna Bell Way.”

#### Okaloosa County

- That portion of State Road 20/John Sims Parkway (57-040-000) between State Road 85 and the Walton County Line in Okaloosa County as “Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”

#### Orange County

- That portion of Orange Blossom Trail between Gore Street and Church Street in Orange County as “Edna S. Hargrett-Thrower Avenue.”

#### Pinellas County

- That portion of State Road 679/Pinellas Bayway South from north of the Pedestrian Crossing to State Road 682/Pinellas Bayway South in Pinellas County as “P.E. “Gene” Carpenter Memorial Highway.”

#### Putnam County

- That portion of State Road 19 in Putnam County between U.S. 17/State Road 15 and Carriage Drive as “Veterans Memorial Highway.”

#### Union County

- That portion of State Road 100 East at the Bradford County, Union County line to the Columbia County Line in Union County as “Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson Highway.”

#### Walton County

- That section of County Road 30A between County Road 283 to County Hwy 395 as “Charles Modica, Sr., Hospitality Way.”

#### Washington County

- That portion of U.S. Highway 90/State Road 10 between the Holmes County line and the Jackson County line in Washington County as “Ben G. Watts Highway.”

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of the above designations.

The bill also amends the “Miss Lillie Williams Boulevard” and “Father Gerard Jean-Juste Street” designations which were created in 2010 in order to correct errors in the previous designations.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ch. 2010-230, L.O.F.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2012.

## II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:  
None.

2. Expenditures:  
DOT will incur costs of approximately \$55,000 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption that two markers for each designation will be erected at a cost of \$500 per marker. DOT will also incur the recurring costs of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:  
None.

2. Expenditures:  
None.

### C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

### D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.