

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 Committee on Community Affairs

BILL: CS/CS/SB 820

INTRODUCER: Community Affairs Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Bullard

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: April 8, 2014

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/CS/SB 820 creates a number of honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state as follows:

- S.R. 992/152nd Street between U.S. 1 and 117th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Larcenia Bullard Way.”
- S.R. 73 between the Calhoun County Line and U.S. 231 in Jackson County is designated as “Governor Mixson Highway.”
- The bridge (numbers 170169 and 170170) over the Intracoastal Waterway on U.S. Business 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail in the City of Venice is designated as “KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge.”
- 25th Street between East 8th Avenue and East 9th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Tomas-Minerva Vinuela Way.”
- Ramp number eight at mile marker 40.7 on I-75/S.R. 93/Alligator Alley in Broward County is designated as “The Honorable Dale G. Bennett Boat Ramp.”
- S.R. 40 between the western incorporated limits of the City of Ormond Beach and the Volusia County line in Volusia County is designated as “Fred Karl Memorial Highway.”
- Bridge (Number 380047) on U.S. 98/S.R. 30 over the Aucilla River in Taylor County is designated as “SP4 Billy Jacob Hartsfield Bridge.”
- U.S. Route 301 between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and S.R. 60 in Hillsborough County is designated as “Sergeant Paul Smith, U.S. Route 301.”
- I-95/S.R. 9 between S.R. 834/Sample Road and the Palm Beach County line in Broward County is designated as “Trooper Kimberly Ann Hurd Memorial Highway.”

- S.R. 50 from U.S. 27 to Hancock Road in Lake County is designated as “Specialist Alexander Miller Memorial Highway.”
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- S.R. 44 between S.R. 44/County Road 44/Main Street and U.S. 27/S.R. 25/14th Street in Lake County is designated as “Staff Sergeant Michael A. Bock Memorial Highway.”
- S.R. 50 from the intersection with S.R. 33 to the intersection of S.R. 19 in Lake County is designated as “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway.”
- S.R. 269 between U.S.90/S.R. 10 and S.R. 12 in Gadsden County is designated as “Julia Munroe Woodward Highway.”
- U.S. 98/S.R. 30 between Rosewood Drive and Sunrise Drive in Santa Rosa County is designated as “Warren E. ‘Charlie’ Brown Memorial Highway.”
- S.R. 293 between the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll Plaza and S.R. 85 in Okaloosa County is designated as “Walter Francis Spence Parkway.”
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- I-10/S.R. 8 between mile post 232 and mile post 233 in Jefferson County is designated as “Trooper James Herbert Fulford, Jr., Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. 441/S.R. 7/NW 2nd Avenue between S.R. 860/NW 183rd Street and S.R. 852/NW 215th/County Line Road in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Nelson Mandela Boulevard.”
- S.R. 574 between I-75/S.R. 93A and I-4/S.R. 400 in Hillsborough County is designated as “POW/MIA Memorial Highway.”
- S.R. 948/NW 36th Street between NW South River Drive and Curtiss Parkway/NW 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Miami Springs Boulevard.”
- S.R. 589 and S.R. 568/Veterans Expressway between S.R. 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway and S.R. 597/Dale Mabry Highway in Hillsborough County is designated as “RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr., Veterans Expressway.”
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- S.R. 694/Park Boulevard between U.S. 19 and Gulf Boulevard in Pinellas County is designated as “C.W. “Bill” Young Memorial Highway.”
- Miami Gardens between NE 6th Avenue to U.S. 1, in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Ronald A. Silver Drive.”
- U.S. 1/U.S. 41/S.R. 5/Biscayne Boulevard between U.S. 1/U.S. 41/S.R. 5/S.E. 2nd Street and N.E. 3rd Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Ralph Sanchez Way.”
- S.R. 436 between S.R. 528 and S.R. 408 in Orange County is designated as “Elias ‘Rico’ Piccard Memorial Highway.”

- S.R. 85/N. Ferdon Boulevard between S.R. 10/U.S. 90 and C.R. 188/Airport Road/Old Bethel Road in Okaloosa County is designated as “C. Wayne Ansley Highway.”
- Washington Street between S.R. 423/North John Young Parkway and S.R. 526/North Crystal Lake Drive in Orange County is designated as “Bessie Coleman Street.”
- S.R. A1A/105/S. Fletcher Avenue between S.R. A1A/200/Atlantic Avenue and C.R. 105B/Simmons Road in Nassau County is designated as “Francis Gibbs 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:

Section 1 designates that portion of S.R. 992/152nd Street between U.S. 1 and 117th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Larcenia Bullard Way.”

Larcenia Bullard was a Democratic member of the Florida State Senate and House of Representatives. Larcenia Bullard was born in Allendale, South Carolina, and moved to Florida in 1980. In 1992, she was elected to the Florida House of Representatives from the 118th District. She was re-elected without opposition in 1994, and in 1996. Bullard sought a final term in the House in 1998. In 2002, Bullard was elected to the Florida State Senate from the 39th District, which included parts of Collier, Hendry, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties. She held this office until 2012. She was unable to seek re-election in 2012 due to term limits. Her son, Dwight Bullard, was elected to replace her. Larcenia Bullard died on March 16, 2013.

Section 2 designates that portion of S.R. 73 between the Calhoun County line and U.S. 231 in Jackson County as “Governor Mixson Highway.”

Governor John Wayne Mixson was born and raised in in New Brockton, Alabama. Shortly after graduating from high school, Governor Mixson moved to Jackson County, Florida. During

WWII, Governor Mixson served our nation honorably in the United States Navy. Following the war, the Governor attended Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Florida. Following his higher education, Governor Mixson served six consecutive terms in the Florida House of Representatives. In 1978, Governor Mixson chose not to run for another term in the House and instead ran for Lieutenant Governor alongside Governor Bob Graham. Governor Mixson served two terms as our State's Lieutenant Governor. Additionally, in 1979, Governor Mixson was appointed to serve as a Special Ambassador to Ecuador by President Jimmy Carter. Governor Mixson succeeded Governor Graham as the 39th Governor of Florida for the remainder of his term after Governor Graham was elected to serve Florida in the United States Senate.

Section 3 designates the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway (bascul bridge numbers 170169 and 170170) on U.S. Business 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail in the City of Venice, Sarasota County, as the "KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge."

The Kentucky Military institute (KMI), a military preparatory school, was located in Venice, Florida, from 1932 until 1973. Some KMI cadets and their families continue to live in the Venice community and others visit regularly for KMI reunions held every four years in Venice. On November 7, 2012, the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, adopted Resolution No. 2012-16 expressing support for the "KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge" designation to preserve a part of the history of City of Venice.

Section 4 designates 25th Street between East 8th Avenue and East 9th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Tomas-Minerva Vinuela Way."

Tomas and Minerva Vinuela emigrated from Cuba in the 1960s and later founded Hialeah Hardware. More than two decades after the founding, the Vinuela family continues to own and operate the business.

Section 5 designates ramp number eight at mile marker 40.7 on I-75/S.R. 93/Alligator Alley in Broward County as "The Honorable Dale G. Bennett Boat Ramp."

Dale G. Bennett was the Mayor of Hialeah and an Everglades conservationist. He passed away in 1997.

Section 6 designates that portion of S.R. 40 between the Lake County line and the City of Ormond Beach in Volusia County as "Fred Karl Memorial Highway."

Fred Karl served in the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Senate, and as a justice of the Florida Supreme Court. He also served as the Hillsborough County Attorney and County Manager. He passed away on March 7, 2013.

Section 7 designates the bridge (number 380047) on U.S. 98/S.R. 30 over the Aucilla River in Taylor County as "SP4 Billy Jacob Hartsfield Bridge."

Specialist Fourth Class Billy Jacob Hartsfield was a member of Bravo Battery, 14th Artillery, attached as FO Recon Sergeant and Aircraft Maintenance Crewman to Charlie Company, First

Battalion, 46th Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Bridge, Americal Division, who lost his life when his aircraft crashed in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, in 1970. On September 17, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida, adopted a resolution expressing its support for the “SP4 Billy Jacob Hartsfield Bridge” designation in honor of his memory.

Section 8 designates that portion of U.S. Route 301 between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and S.R. 60 in Hillsborough County as “Sergeant Paul Smith, U.S. Route 301.”

Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith was a member of Bravo Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Platoon during Operation Iraqi Freedom, who lost his life while defending Baghdad International Airport during an ambush orchestrated by the Iraqi Special Republican Guard on April 4, 2003. Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith was able to secure safe passage for the wounded by organizing a line of defense and mounting a disabled armored vehicle’s .50-caliber machine-gun. His actions saved the lives of at least 100 soldiers, caused the failure of a deliberate enemy attack hours after the site was seized, and resulted in an estimated 20-50 enemy soldiers killed. Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith is a Medal of Honor Recipient.

Section 9 designates that portion of I-95/S.R. 9 between S.R. 834/Sample Road and the Palm Beach County line in Broward County as “Trooper Kimberly Ann Hurd Memorial Highway.”

Trooper Kimberly Ann Hurd, a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, was hit and killed by a drunk driver on July 16, 1992, as she walked to the truck of another driver she had pulled over on Interstate 95 just north of Sample Road in Pompano Beach. Officer Hurd is the only female Trooper killed in the line of duty of the FHP. She was a many time winner of the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers “100 Club”.

Section 10 designates that portion of S.R. 50 from U.S. 27 to Hancock Road in Lake County as “Specialist Alexander Miller Memorial Highway.”

Alexander Miller was born December 30, 1987, in Fort Lauderdale. His family moved to Lake County when he was three years old. He attended both South Lake High School and East Ridge High School. In January 2007, he joined the Army and went to basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia. After Alex’s basic training he became a mortar squad leader, stationed in Fort Drum, New York. He deployed to Afghanistan in January 2009, and died on July 31, 2009. He received a Bronze star, Purple Heart, and other service awards.

Section 11 designates that portion of S.R. 50 between the Sumter County line and Lee Road in Lake County as “Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway.”

Jess Thomas was born March 8, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas. He lived all of his short life in Mascotte. Jess graduated from Groveland High School in 1965. He was drafted soon after graduation. He completed his training and was sent to Vietnam in 1967 as a sergeant. On February 9, 1968, while on a mission, Jess was killed while saving the lives of his fellow men. He was honored by a military ceremony in Orlando. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star at that time.

Section 12 designates that portion of S.R. 44 between S.R. 44/County Road 44/Main Street and U.S. 27/S.R. 25/14th Street in Lake County as “Staff Sergeant Michael A. Bock Memorial Highway.”

Staff Sergeant Michael A. Bock was born on September 11, 1983. Upon graduating from Leesburg High School in the Spring of 2002, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Once he finished his Marine Corps Training he went on to Marine Corps Engineering School where he obtained the title of Combat Engineer. Staff Sergeant Bock received orders for deployment to Iraq in 2003 and 2005, followed by deployments to Afghanistan in 2009 and 2010. During his enlistment Staff Sergeant Bock received the Combat Action Badge, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation – Navy, NATO Medal – ISAF Afghanistan, Certificate of Commendation, the Purple Heart, and our nation’s third highest honor, the Silver Star Medal. In August of 2010 Staff Sergeant Michael A. Bock lost his life in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sergeant Bock is survived by his wife Tiffany Bock, son Zander Bock, parents David and Sandra Bock, sister Christine, and brothers David and Paul.

Section 13 designates that portion of S.R. 50 between S.R. 33 and County Road 565A in Lake County as “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway.”

Specialist Ronald Gaffney, a Groveland native, was born on April 6, 1943. He was his senior class vice president/secretary, president of the Beta Club, and vice president of the Key Club. He was in the Glee Club and Letter Club. He lettered in basketball, baseball, and football. He attended the Kiwanis International Convention and was a delegate to Boys State. He enlisted after high school and intended to make the military his career. At the time of his death, he was on his third tour of duty in Vietnam as a Special Forces Green Beret Combat Engineer. On February 19, 1965, at 21 years of age he died a hero at the Vung Ro Bay incident and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious services while on duty with First Special Forces Group.

Section 14 designates S.R. 269, upon completion of its construction, between U.S. 90/S.R. 10 and S.R. 12 in Gadsden County as “Julia Munroe Woodward Highway.”

Julia Munroe Woodward was a life-long resident of Quincy, Florida, who contributed her time, talent, and resources for the betterment of her community. Various Gadsden County schools, the Quincy Garden Club, Quincy Garden Center, Gadsden Arts Center, Quincy Music Theater, Pilot Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the First Presbyterian Church of Quincy and many other organizations benefited from her efforts on their behalf. Her appreciation for Gadsden County business, industry, and economic development was evidenced by her support of the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, and recognition of her service is evidenced by honors, awards, and accolades. Ms. Woodward passed away on December 9, 2012.

Section 15 designates that portion of U.S. 98/S.R. 30 between Rosewood Drive and Sunrise Drive in Santa Rosa County as “Warren E. “Charlie” Brown Memorial Highway.”

Warren E “Charlie” Brown was born on January 8, 1932, in Hamlet North Carolina. Charlie served our nation honorably for over 27 years in the United States Air Force. Charlie retired from military service as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1978. For over half of his career in the USAF, Charlie was stationed at Northwest Florida’s Hurlburt Field and served in Special Operations. After his retirement from the military, Charlie and his wife of 55 years, Shirley L. Brown made their home in Navarre. Shirley and Charlie had a passion for supporting and serving our airmen in Northwest Florida and were often seen at military events throughout the panhandle offering their support. Additionally, Charlie was deeply involved in the business community of Santa Rosa County. He served as the director and executive director of the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and was always active within the Military Affairs Committee for the Chamber. Charlie and Shirley were also active members in First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach.

Section 16 designates S.R. 293 between the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll Plaza and S.R. 85 in Okaloosa County as “Walter Francis Spence Parkway.”

Walter Francis Spence from Niceville has been instrumental in the growth and development of Niceville and Okaloosa County as a whole over the last 50 years. He graduated from Tulane University with an engineering degree and began working for Eglin Air Force Base in the 1950s. He also served as President of the Niceville area Chamber of Commerce and began steering the chamber towards constructing the Mid-Bay Bridge in the late 1970s. The Mid-Bay Bridge is now one of the main transportation arteries for residents and tourists alike, traveling to and from Destin and South Walton County. In the mid 1990s, Walter formed Spence Brothers Construction to develop and build commercial property in the surrounding area. He is still active in the company, the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority and does consulting work for the defense industry.

Section 17 designates that portion of the Hurlburt Field Air Force Base overpass on U.S. Highway 98 in Okaloosa County as “Colonel Bud Day Overpass.”

Colonel George Everett “Bud” Day (February 24, 1925 – July 27, 2013) served in the Marine Corps, the Army and the Air Force during his thirty-five years of military service. He was awarded ten Air Medals, four Purple Hearts, four Bronze Stars, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Cross and the nation’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor by President Gerald Ford in 1976. He was the most decorated member of the military since General Douglas MacArthur.

Section 18 designates that portion of S.R. 519 (Fiske Boulevard) located within the corporate limits of the City of Cocoa in Brevard County as “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a civil rights leader. He was killed on April 4, 1968.

Section 19 designates that portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 5/N.E. 6th Avenue between Ponce de Leon Drive and S.R. 84/SE 24th Street in Broward County as “Robert L. Clark Memorial Highway.”

Robert L. Clark served as a Broward County deputy sheriff and as President of the South Broward Drainage District.

Section 20 designates that portion of U.S. 41/S.R. 599/South 50th Street between Palm River Road and S.R. 676/Causeway Boulevard in Hillsborough County as “Deputy Sheriff David Anthony Abella Memorial Highway.”

Deputy Sheriff David Anthony Abella died while in uniform, serving with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office on April 21, 2004. This location is where he lost his life. David was born on June 19, 1977, and was a very beloved citizen in the community.

Section 21 designates that portion of I-10/S.R. 8 between mile post 232 and mile post 233 in Jefferson County as “Trooper James Herbert Fulford, Jr., Memorial Highway.”

Trooper James Herbert Fulford, Jr., was a 14-year member of the Florida Highway Patrol who died in the line of duty on February 1, 1992, when a bomb exploded while he was searching a car.

Section 22 designates that portion of U.S. 441/S.R. 7/NW 2nd Avenue between S.R. 860/NW 183rd Street and S.R. 852/NW 215th/County Line Road in Miami-Dade County as “Nelson Mandela Boulevard.”

Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918, in Mvezo, South Africa. Mr. Mandela joined the African National Congress and co-founded the African National Congress Youth League. In 1962 he was arrested for conspiracy to overthrow the apartheid government and sentenced to life imprisonment. He remained imprisoned for 27 years and his imprisonment prompted an international movement that lobbied for his release and an end to apartheid. Mr. Mandela was finally released from prison on February 11, 1990, and he continued his negotiations with the South African government as the leader of the African National Congress. Mr. Mandela earned the Nobel peace prize in 1993 for his considerable work in effectuating South Africa’s peaceful transition from a system of apartheid, to one of democratic equality and universal suffrage. Due in large part to Mr. Mandela’s efforts, South Africa held its first truly democratic election in April 1994. The outcome of South Africa’s 1994 elections led to the historic and peaceful transition of power from the National Party to the African National Congress. The newly elected government’s first act was to elect Nelson Mandela as the nation’s president. Mr. Mandela used his presidency to help heal and unify South Africa and, in so doing, showed the entire world that love and cooperation are more powerful tools than hatred and retribution. After his presidency, Mr. Mandela remained committed to the task of improving the lives of South Africans through his philanthropic work, which focused on combating HIV/AIDS, and improving rural development and school construction. Mr. Mandela died on December 5, 2013, at the age of 95.

Section 23 designates that portion of S.R. 574 between I-75/S.R. 93A and I-4/S.R. 400 in Hillsborough County as “POW/MIA Memorial Highway.”

In 1971, Mrs. Michael Hoff, an MIA wife and member of the National League of Families, recognized the need for a symbol of our POW/MIAs. Prompted by an article in the Jacksonville, Florida, TIMES-UNION, Mrs. Hoff contacted Norman Rivkees, Vice President of Annin &

Company and designed a flag to represent our missing men. Following League approval, the flags were manufactured for distribution. On March 9, 1989, an official League flag that flew over the White House on National POW/MIA Recognition Day 1988 was installed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda as a result of legislation passed overwhelmingly during the 100th Congress. The League's POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever displayed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda where it will stand as a powerful symbol of national commitment to America's POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting has been achieved for U.S. personnel still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. On August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355, which recognized the League's POW/MIA flag and designated it "as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation".

Section 24 designates that portion of S.R. 948/NW 36th Street between NW South River Drive and Curtiss Parkway/NW 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Miami Springs Boulevard."

On July 7, 1981, the Dade County Board of County Commissioners designated the street generally aligned with NW 36th Street but which also includes NW 41st Street and NW 36th Street Extension, from NW 42nd Avenue westerly to its junction with the Florida Turnpike as "Doral Boulevard." The City of Doral was incorporated in 2003. That portion of SR 948/NW 36th Street between NW South River Drive and Curtiss Parkway/NW 57th Avenue runs directly adjacent to the municipal boundaries of the City of Miami Springs. As a result of this prior designation, there has been confusion and questions have arisen as to the location of the City of Miami Springs.

Section 25 designates that portion of S.R. 589 and S.R. 568/Veterans Expressway between S.R. 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway and S.R. 597/Dale Mabry Highway in Hillsborough County as "RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr., Veterans Expressway."

LeRoy Collins, Jr., was a Rear Admiral in the Navy Reserve, a prominent businessman and civic leader, and the former Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. He passed away on July 29, 2010.

Section 26 designates that portion of I-10/S.R. 8 between Mile Marker 234 and the Madison County line in Jefferson County as "CPT Tecarie "CZ" Czarnecki and TSgt David A Stone Memorial Highway."

Both were members of the 44th Civil Support Team stationed at Camp Blanding, FL. CPT Czarnecki was full-time in the Florida Army National Guard and TSgt Stone was full-time in the Florida Air National Guard. They died in an accident a quarter mile east of Exit 225 heading west on I-10 in Jefferson County on September 8, 2013.

Section 27 designates that portion of S.R. 694/Park Boulevard between U.S. 19 and Gulf Boulevard in Pinellas County as "C.W. "Bill" Young Memorial Highway."

C.W. "Bill" Young was born in Harmarville, Pennsylvania, in 1930 and would move to the St. Petersburg area at the age of 16. Mr. Young served in the Florida Senate from 1961 to 1970, and

was minority leader in that chamber from 1966 to 1970. Young was elected to Congress in 1970 from what was then the 8th District. Mr. Young served in the United States House of Representatives from 1971 to 2013. Mr. Young served as chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations from 1999 to 2005. He was the longest-serving Republican member of Congress at the time of his death.

He passed away on October 18, 2013

Section 28 designates that portion of Miami Gardens between NE 6th Avenue to U.S. 1, in Miami-Dade County as “Ronald A. Silver Drive.”

Ronald A. Silver served in the Florida House of Representatives in 1978, and continued his tenure in that body until 1992. While in the Florida House, Mr. Silver held the title of Majority Whip (1984-1996), Majority Leader (1986-1998), and chaired various committees. Mr. Silver was elected to the Florida Senate in 1992 until 2002. Since serving as Senator, Mr. Silver sits on the Board of Directors of Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc., Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic of Florida, Adrienne Arscht Performing Center Trust and the advisory board for Marquis Bank. Silver is married with two children and three grandchildren and resides with his family in North Miami Beach.

Section 29 designates that portion of U.S. 1/U.S. 41/S.R. 5/Biscayne Boulevard between U.S. 1/U.S. 41/S.R. 5/SE 2nd Street and N.E. 3rd Street in Miami-Dade County as “Ralph Sanchez Way.”

Ralph Sanchez was a Cuban-born businessman who brought Grand Prix to the streets of Miami in the 1980s and founded the Homestead-Miami Speedway. Mr. Sanchez was born in Cuba in 1948. He came to the United States alone as a child during the Operation Pedro Pan airlift, in which more than 14,000 unaccompanied children, some as young as six years old, were flown out of Cuba from December 1960 to October 1962 after the country’s Communist takeover. In the United States, he spent time in an orphanage until his parents arrived and were reunited with him.

He passed away on April 1, 2013.

Section 30 designates that portion of S.R. 436 between S.R. 528 and S.R. 408 in Orange County as “Elias ‘Rico’ Piccard Memorial Highway.”

Elias ‘Rico’ Piccard was a well-known activist in the Hispanic Community of Orange County. Piccard, a social worker and Vietnam veteran who came to Orlando to retire in 1994, was a key voice in the growing community. He was known for his work in organizing Hispanics on progressive causes, but also in making sure the community was not forgotten by politicians. In 2008 he organized United Front to make sure neighborhoods and businesses along S.R. 436 were not neglected by the local governments.

He passed away on November 27, 2013.

Section 31 designates that portion of S.R. 85/N. Ferdon Boulevard between S.R. 10/U.S. 90 and C.R. 188/Airport Road/Old Bethel Road in Okaloosa County as “C. Wayne Ansley Highway.”

C. Wayne Ansley, of Baker, is a retired Assistant Superintendent with the Okaloosa County School Board. He served in the Okaloosa County School system from 1969-2007. Ansley received his associate degree from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, which is now Northwest Florida State College. In 2013, Governor Rick Scott appointed Mr. Ansley to serve on the Northwest Florida State College District Board of Trustees from March 21, 2013, until May 31, 2015.

Section 32 designates that portion of Washington Street between S.R. 423/North John Young Parkway and S.R. 526/North Crystal Lake Drive in Orange County as “Bessie Coleman Street.”

Bessie Coleman was the first black woman to earn a pilot’s license. Because flying schools in the United States denied her entry, she taught herself French and moved to France, earning her license from France’s well-known Caudron Brother’s School of Aviation in just seven months. Coleman specialized in stunt flying and parachuting, earning a living barnstorming and performing aerial tricks. She remains a pioneer of women in the field of aviation.

She tragically died on April 30, 1926, in an accident during a rehearsal for an aerial show.

Section 33 designates that portion of S.R. A1A/105/S. Fletcher Avenue between S.R. A1A/200/Atlantic Avenue and C.R. 105B/Simmons Road in Nassau County is designated as “Francis Gibbs Memorial Highway.”

Francis Gibbs was born on December 26, 1972, in Jacksonville and raised in Fernandina Beach. He graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 1999 and earned both his B.S. and J.D. degrees at the University of Florida. He was admitted to the bar in 1999 and practiced law in Fernandina Beach, serving as Legislative Counsel for Congressman Ander Crenshaw and as Chief of Staff for Congressman Connie Mack, IV, in Washington, DC. He also served as Chief of Staff for the Florida Department of Transportation at Tallahassee, FL. Francis was a seasoned traveler from his childhood. He was an avid golfer and tennis player from his youth. He enjoyed flying and earned his private pilot's license. Francis was a member of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution, through his mother. He took pride in the fact that several of his paternal ancestors were Florida residents before statehood.

He passed away at the age of 40 in his home on May 17, 2013.

Section 34 provides the bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

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:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$32,000 for 64 signs at a cost of no less than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time but 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. Statutes Affected:

None. This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida Law.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)**CS/CS by Community Affairs on April 8, 2014:**

Added three designations as follows:

- Elias “Rico” Piccard Memorial Highway in Orange County;
- C. Wayne Ansley Highway in Okaloosa County;
- Bessie Coleman Street in Orange County; and
- Francis Gibbs Memorial Highway in Nassau County.

CS by Transportation on April 3, 2014:

The committee adopted the proposed committee substitute and one amendment adding three additional designations as follows:

- C.W. “Bill” Young Memorial Highway in Pinellas County;
- Ronald A. Silver Drive in Miami-Dade County; and
- Ralph Sanchez Way in Miami-Dade County.

B. Amendments:

None.