

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 Appropriations

BILL: PCS/CS/SB 368 (757218)

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee (Recommended by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development); Transportation Committee; and Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: April 19, 2017

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Price</u>	<u>Miller</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
2.	<u>Pitts</u>	<u>Pitts</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Recommend: Fav/CS</u>
3.	<u>Pitts</u>	<u>Hansen</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

PCS/CS/SB 368 creates 36 honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers designating the transportation facilities. The bill also revises two previously enacted honorary designations.

The bill also requires the FDOT to erect appropriate signage commemorating specified conflicts involving the United States Armed Forces along portions of the Veterans Expressway in Hillsborough and Hernando counties.

The FDOT will incur approximately \$42,000 in expenditures to install the designation markers required under the bill.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2017

II. Present Situation:

Designation of Transportation Facilities and Highways

Legislative Designation of Transportation Facilities

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities be for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations may not 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.¹

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.²

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, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations prior to installation of the markers.³

Blue Star Memorial Highway Designation

Section 335.091, F.S., authorizes the head of the FDOT, in cooperation with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Federation), to designate certain roads as Blue Star Memorial highways in honor of those individuals who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The Federation is directed to submit to the FDOT routes on certain roads in the state for designation as Blue Star Memorial highways.⁴ Upon designation of a route, any member of the Federation may, with the advice, cooperation, and approval of the FDOT, erect suitable markers and beautify such memorial highway.⁵ The FDOT must then file with the Department of State a record of such roads designated as Blue Star Memorial highways.⁶

Scenic Highway Designation

The FDOT may, after consultation with other state agencies and local governments, designate public roads as scenic highways.⁷ Public roads designated as scenic highways are intended to

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

⁴ Section 335.091(2), F.S.

⁵ Id.

⁶ Section 335.091(3), F.S.

⁷ Section 335.093(1), F.S.

preserve, maintain, and protect a part of Florida's cultural, historical, and scenic routes for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian travel.⁸

The FDOT may by rule adopt appropriate criteria for the designation of scenic highways and may specify appropriate planning and design standards including corridor management plans on such scenic highways.⁹ The designation of scenic highways and the criteria adopted by the FDOT are not intended to affect or limit existing or customary uses in commercial or industrial areas that are adjacent to designated scenic highways nor is designation intended to limit the ability of local government entities to control or limit land uses in commercial or industrial areas within their jurisdictions.¹⁰

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 of the bill creates the following 36 honorary transportation facility designations around the state and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers:

Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge

Bridge number 380096 on U.S. 221/S.R. 55 over the Econfina River in Taylor County is designated as "Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge."

Private First Class Joey Moody grew up in Shady Grove on the Econfina River. He attended Shady Grove Grammar School and graduated from Taylor County High School before attending the University of Florida. On June 21, 1952, PFC Moody, serving in Korea, was one of three men sent into enemy fire to repair a crucial communications line and lost his life when a mortar round exploded. He was posthumously awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Combat Medal, the Korean Battle Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand Memorial Highway

The portion of S.R. 80 between Hickey Creek Road and Carter Lane in Lee County is designated as "Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand Memorial Highway."

Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of Florida for 16 years. On December 22, 1967, Corporal Bertrand was shot and killed while conducting a driving-under-the-influence investigation on State Road 80 in Fort Myers, Florida.

Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas Memorial Highway

The portion of Interstate 75/S.R. 93A between Fowler Avenue and Fletcher Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as "Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas Memorial Highway."

⁸ Id.

⁹ Section 335.093(2), F.S.

¹⁰ Section 335.093(3), F.S.

Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of Florida for 11 years. On June 9, 1989, a passing car struck and killed Lieutenant Thomas while walking back to his vehicle after investigating an abandoned vehicle on Interstate 75 in Tampa, Florida.

Trooper Patrick Ambroise Memorial Highway

The portion of the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike/S.R. 821 between mile marker 34 and mile marker 36 in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Trooper Patrick Ambroise Memorial Highway.”

Trooper Patrick Ambroise was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of Florida for four years. On May 15, 2010, while parked in his patrol vehicle on the shoulder of northbound State Road 821, a passing vehicle veered onto the paved emergency shoulder and struck the left rear section of the patrol vehicle, killing Trooper Ambroise.

SP4 Robert Clifford Millender Memorial Highway

The portion of U.S. 98/S.R.30 between Ryan Drive/W. 11th Street and N.E./S.E. 12th Street in Franklin County is designated as “SP4 Robert Clifford Millender Memorial Highway.”

SP4 Robert Clifford Millender was inducted into the United States Army on August 7, 1968. After boot camp training, he was transferred to Vietnam, where he served for two months before being injured in a land mine explosion. He was cared for at Walter Reed General Hospital and was discharged from the Army on July 22, 1969. SP4 Millender died of his war-related injuries on January 14, 1970. He received the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Joe C. Peavy Highway

The portion of S.R. 53 between U.S. 90/S.R. 10 and the Georgia state line in Madison County is designated as “Joe C. Peavy Highway.”

Joe C. Peavy served as Madison County Sheriff from 1968 until 1996 after 16 years with the Florida Highway Patrol. He was a participant in a number of Madison County organizations such as the Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge #11, the Madison Shrine Club, and the Cattleman Association, and he served as a Senior Citizens Council Board member. He passed away on November 19, 2016.

Gulf Coast Highway

The portion of U.S. 19/S.R. 55 between the Pinellas County line and the Hernando County line in Pasco County is designated as “Gulf Coast Highway.”

Following a public outreach campaign by the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce seeking input on proposed designation names for U.S. 19 within Pasco County, “Gulf Coast Highway” was

chosen as a method for reinforcing a strategy to improve the coastal image of the corridor and area and reflecting its relationship to the Gulf of Mexico as a coastal highway.

Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard

The portion of Davis Boulevard between Adalia Avenue and Adriatic Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as “Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard.”

Helen Gordon Davis was the first woman from Hillsborough County elected to the Florida House of Representatives. She opened doors for women and minorities, confronting inequalities with poise and determination. Many in the Tampa Bay area revered Mrs. Davis, a fearless legislator. In 1952, she was the first white woman in Florida to join the NAACP at a time of civil unrest in the South. She established the Centre for Women as “The Women’s Survival Centre” to help women become financially independent. Her vision and foresight have made it possible for The Centre for Women to help more than 80,000 individuals to lead more successful and fulfilling lives. Ms. Davis passed away in May of 2015.

Francisco A. Rodriguez Avenue

The portion of N. Willow Avenue between W. Cypress Street and W. Cass Street in Hillsborough County is designated as “Francisco Rodriguez Avenue.”

Francisco Rodriguez was born in Tampa to Cuban parents who were members of Marti-Maceo. He started his career as a teacher but decided to go to law school at Howard University after returning from World War II to a segregated South where nothing had changed. At Howard, he became involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and was appointed special counsel for the southeast region in 1952, when he returned to Tampa. In 1954, following the Brown decision, he filed numerous legal actions to desegregate schools and recreational facilities in Florida. He unsuccessfully ran for office as juvenile court judge and member of the city council.

Olympian Theresa Manuel Way

The portion of N. Garcia Avenue between W. Palm Avenue and W. Ross Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as “Olympian Theresa Manuel Way.”

Tampa native Theresa A. Manuel was an educator, coach, and Olympian. She graduated from the Tuskegee Institute, where she helped lead her school's basketball team to four consecutive conference championships, and then went onto teach locally for 35 years at both Middleton and Hillsborough high schools. However, her greatest accomplishment was being chosen as a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Track Team, making her the first African-American Floridian to compete in the Olympic Games, which were held that year in London. Ms. Manuel passed away on November 21, 2016, in Tampa. She was 90.

Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard

The portion of Miami Avenue between N.E. 5th Street and U.S. 41/S.R. 90/S.E. 7th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard."

Robert L. Shevin was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1964 and served in the Florida Senate from 1966 to 1970. He also served as Florida's Attorney General from 1971-1979. In 1996, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Third District Court of Appeal, where he served with distinction until early 2005. He passed away on July 11, 2005.

Deputy A. Hagood Ellzey Memorial Highway

The portion of U.S. 19/98 South between Mile Marker 23 and Mile Marker 25 in Levy County is designated as "Deputy A. Hagood Ellzey Memorial Highway."

Deputy A. Hagood Ellzey of the Levy County Sheriff's Office was a lifelong resident of Otter Creek. On January 28, 1945, Deputy Ellzey was shot during an attempt to escort two men from a business establishment. He died of his injuries, leaving his wife and thirteen children.

Muhammed Ali Boulevard

The portion of U.S. 441/S.R. 7 between N.W. 52nd Street and N.W. 65th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Muhammed Ali Boulevard."

Born Cassius Clay, Muhammad Ali became an Olympic gold medalist in 1960 and the world heavyweight-boxing champion in 1964. Ali's greatness was not limited to the boxing ring; he devoted much of his time to activism and philanthropy. He supported the Special Olympics and the Make-A-Wish Foundation and was chosen to be a United Nations Messenger of Peace because of his work in developing nations. He passed away on June 3, 2016.

Stanley G. Tate Boulevard

The portion of S.R. 922 between N.E. 10th Avenue and N. Bayshore Drive in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Stanley G. Tate Boulevard."

Stanley G. Tate, founder of Stanley Tate Builders, Inc., has been a North Miami business owner for over 30 years and has over 50 years of experience as an entrepreneur, contractor, and developer investing in the Miami-Dade County area. Additionally, Stanley Tate has actively served on numerous boards and civic and charitable organizations throughout the community.

Herman Echevarria Way

The portion of U.S. 27/S.R. 25 between W. 9th Street and E./S.E. 1st Avenue within the City of Hialeah is designated as "Herman Echevarria Way."

Herman Echevarria was a member of the City of Hialeah's Chamber of Commerce, as well as a City Councilman from 1985 to 1997. Mr. Echevarria was also a successful entrepreneur in South Florida and recognized by the Miami Business Review as one of the top 100 most influential

leaders in South Florida. Mr. Echevarria's work as a public servant, entrepreneur, business leader, philanthropist, and family man represents the ideals of the South Florida community. He passed away in September of 2016.

Robert M. Levy Memorial Boulevard

The portion of South Krome Avenue between S.W. 344th Street and S.W. 177th Court in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Robert M. Levy Memorial Boulevard."

Robert M. Levy worked as a political consultant and lobbyist who developed hundreds of campaigns across the state since 1977. He attended Valley Forge Military Academy, Pennsylvania State University, and served in the United States Army. While in the Army, he spent two and one half years in the Republic of Vietnam. Due to his heroic actions while there, he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts, and was honorably discharged. Mr. Levy passed away in April of 2016.

Lieutenant Debra Clayton Memorial Highway

The portion of S.R. 438 between John Young Parkway and Pine Hills Road in Orange County is designated as "Lieutenant Debra Clayton Memorial Highway."

Debra Clayton began her career with the Orlando Police Department on May 13, 1999. She was assigned to the Patrol Services Bureau, Neighborhood Patrol, Gangs, the School Resource Unit, and the Criminal Investigations Division (Property and Crimes Against Children Units). She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 1, 2007, and was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and the Patrol Services Bureau as Supervisor. On October 10, 2016, Debra earned the rank of Master Sergeant. During her 17 years with the Orlando Police Department, Debra was involved with Operation Positive Direction, and the Dueling Dragons Dragon Boat Team. She also organized and participated in various "Stop the Violence" rallies and was an active member of the Central Florida National Organization of Black Executives (NOBLE). Debra proudly authored a book entitled *Bridging the Gap Between Law Enforcement and the Community*, which is currently in publication. Posthumously promoted to Lieutenant, Debra Clayton was killed in the line of duty in January of this year when she encountered a murder suspect.

First Class Deputy Norman Lewis Memorial Highway

The portion of C.R. 431/Pine Hills Road between Silver Star Road and S.R. 50 in Orange County is designated as "First Class Deputy Norman Lewis Memorial Highway."

Norman Lewis received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in December of 2004. In January of 2005, he applied for sponsorship to the Law Enforcement Academy and was hired as a Deputy Sheriff recruit. He took an oath as Deputy Sheriff on August 15, 2005, promising to protect and defend the citizens of Orange County. Assigned to the Sector IV Uniform Patrol Division, he quickly established himself as a hardworking, dedicated Deputy Sheriff whose supervisors recognized him as one of the most dependable and proactive members of his squad, especially when working traffic violations. As his career progressed, Norman joined the agency's

Motor/DUI Unit, where his positive and professional attitude, couple with his traffic law knowledge, really made an impact. He was consistently recognized as a top performer in that unit, receiving an award for the most traffic stops and speeding violations, and citizens he pulled over recognized him, as well, for his attitude and demeanor. Deputy Lewis was searching for the suspect wanted for killing Lieutenant Clayton when his motorcycle collided with a vehicle that turned in front of him, killing Deputy Lewis.

C. Bette Wimbish Way

The portion of I-375/S.R. 592 between I-275 and S.R. 595/4th Avenue in Pinellas County is designated as “C. Bette Wimbish Highway.”

C. Bette Wimbish was one of the leading African-American women activists in Florida promoting the desegregation of schools and civil equality. A tough-minded woman who was determined to break the pattern of discrimination against African Americans in city employment practices, she was most commonly known as a civil rights activist, a politician, and the first African American on the St. Petersburg City Council. As well as being the first black person to hold modern elected office in the Tampa Bay area, Wimbish was also the first black female lawyer in Pinellas County, Florida. Ms. Wimbish passed away on November 30, 2009.

Joe Anderson, Jr., Memorial Highway

The portion of S.R. 349 between U.S. 98/S.R. 55 in Dixie County and S.R. 20 in Lafayette County is designated as “Joe Anderson, Jr., Memorial Highway.”

Joe Anderson, Jr., was a lifelong resident of Old Town, Florida, where he served as a member of multiple organizations benefitting the citizens of Dixie County. Mr. Anderson established Anderson Columbia Co., Inc., providing jobs for many families in Dixie County, and he was also known for his charitable giving. Mr. Anderson passed away on November 29, 2016.

Irene U. Hooper Memorial Bridges

The pair of bridges, bridge numbers 900110 and 900111, over Pine Channel on U.S. 1/S.R. 5 in Monroe County are designated as the “Irene U. Hooper Memorial Bridges.”

In 1966, Irene U. Hooper began her life-long leadership and service career by developing “Seacamp,” a year round, non-profit marine science camp and educational facility located on Big Pine Key. Today, campers 12 – 17 years old continue to enjoy numerous activities in marine science education. From 1968 to 1971, she successfully spearheaded the effort to earn an aquatic preserve designation for Coupon Bight in the Florida Keys. Over the years, her leadership and service earned her numerous recognitions, including the national Take Pride in America Award in 1986, the Florida Governor’s Environmental Education Award in 1993, and the League of Environmental Educators in Florida Founders Award for Education Leadership in 1996.

Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway

The portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 15 between 5th Avenue and C.R. 108 in Nassau County is designated as “Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway.”

Emmitt G. Coakley was a teacher, mentor, and principal in Nassau County who retired after 30 years of service. He returned as a substitute teacher for an additional 23 years. He served his community in many ways, including 30 years on the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board and nine years on the Conditional Use and Variance Board. He was an active member of the Retired Teachers’ Association of Nassau County, Chairman of the Deacon Ministry of Second Baptist Church, and served his country as a member of the United States Army.

Warren E. ‘Charlie’ and Shirley Brown Memorial Highway

The portion of U.S. 98/S.R. 30 between Rosewood Drive in Okaloosa County and Sunrise Drive in Santa Rosa County is designated¹¹ as “Warren E. ‘Charlie’ and Shirley Brown Memorial Highway.”

‘Charlie’ and Shirley Brown were married for 55 years and devoted their lives to serving their community. Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Air Force for 29 years, serving in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Upon retirement in 1978, he and Mrs. Brown made their home in Navarre, where they served as tireless boosters for the area’s military bases and mission, supporting multiple causes to help military families. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were active in the Clean Community Program, were Master Gardeners, and were active in the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. They served on numerous other boards and committees within the county and were members and volunteer leaders of First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach.

Sheriff Wendell Hall Highway

The portion of U.S. 90 from Chumuckla Highway to Woodbine Road in Santa Rosa County is designated as “Sheriff Wendell Hall Highway.”

Sheriff Hall began his law enforcement career in 1981 as a Corrections Officer with the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office. He served as a Patrol Deputy, Narcotics Investigator and Supervisor, Administrative Supervisor, Certified Hostage Negotiator, Firearms Instructor, and Field Training Officer. He received many achievement awards during his tenure with the Escambia County Sheriff’s office. Elected as Sheriff of Santa Rosa County in 2000, he is the first Sheriff in that county to be elected and re-elected to four terms. Sheriff Hall is active in his community, has received numerous civic recognitions, and is noted for his extensive volunteer service.

Senator Gerald S. ‘Jerry’ Rehm Highway

The portion of S.R. 580 in Pinellas County is designated as “Senator Gerald S. ‘Jerry’ Rehm Highway.”

¹¹ The bill revises a previous designation for Mr. Brown, with the same description, to add Mrs. Brown to the designation. See 2014-228, L.O.F.

Senator Rehm grew up in West Palm Beach. After high school, he attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy (King's Point) in New York, where he became a midshipman and played trumpet in the academy band. After graduation and serving time at sea, he returned to Florida and began his political career in Dunedin, first as a member of the Dunedin Library and Planning and Zoning Boards (1961-1962), then as a member of the City Commission (1963-1965), and ultimately serving three terms as one of Dunedin's youngest mayors (1965-1971). He ran for and won a seat in the Florida Senate (1981-1984) and the Florida House of Representatives (1986-1990). His most recent accomplishment was working diligently with Congress in the successful appropriation of funding necessary to preserve King's Point. Senator Rehm passed away on March 10, 2017.

William H. 'Bill' Mapoles Bridge

Bridge number 570172 on U.S. 90/S.R. 10 over the Yellow River in Okaloosa County is designated as "William H. 'Bill' Mapoles Bridge."

Mr. Mapoles was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1913 to be a Walton County representative, but he took office with the campaign theme of creating a new county by taking part of Santa Rosa and part of Walton counties to form a new county with its own county seat. After failing on a first attempt, Representative Mapoles co-introduced a bill to accomplish creation of the new county. In 1915, the new county of Okaloosa was formed. Mr. Mapoles is known as the father of Okaloosa County.

Brigadier General Thomas 'Mark' Stogsdill Memorial Overpass

Bridge number 570175 on 77th Special Forces Way over State Road 85 in Okaloosa County is designated as "Brigadier General Thomas 'Mark' Stogsdill Memorial Overpass."

Brigadier General Thomas 'Mark' Stogsdill was the former commander of the 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field. He was also involved in a variety of military-related charities in the Okaloosa County area. He passed away in July of 2016.

Arnold Palmer Expressway

The portion of S.R. 408 between Kirkman Road and Clarke Road in Orange County is designated as "Arnold Palmer Expressway."

Arnold Palmer was a professional golfer who spent his winters in Central Florida. He was also a philanthropist involved in charitable endeavors, including the creation and development of the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies. The Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament is annually played at Bay Hill in the Orlando area. Arnold Palmer passed away on September 26, 2016.

Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Wright Boulevard

The portion of C.R. 1476/N.E. 8th Avenue between N.E. 15th Street and N.E. 26th Terrace in Alachua County is designated as “Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Wright Boulevard.”

Reverend Wright graduated from Florida Memorial College and the Howard University School of Divinity. In the 1950's he pastored St. Mary's Baptist Church in St. Augustine, Florida, where he was a leader in the civil rights movement, helping organize sit-ins, demonstrations, and boycotts to highlight the need for social justice and equality for African-Americans. After receiving several death threats, he moved his family and became pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Gainesville, Florida. Shortly after coming to Gainesville, Wright served as President of the Alachua County Branch of the NAACP and continued the fight for equal rights. He led Mount Carmel Church in applying for financing from the federal government to build Gardenia Gardens, a 100-unit low-income apartment development. In 2002, he joined the select company of three other African-Americans previously honored by the University of Florida with an honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree. Reverend Wright passed away on December 9, 2014.

Candice Ellize Francois Street

The portion of Palm Avenue between Pembroke Road and Miramar Parkway in Broward County is designated as “Candice Ellize Francois Street.”

Candice Ellize Francois was born on March 10, 1994, in Miami. She was in the International Baccalaureate Program in high school where she was involved in multiple school activities. Shortly after graduating from high school, she was diagnosed with a rare cancer of the jawbone. She passed away on October 26, 2014, at the age of 20.

Georgia Ayers Way

The portion of S.R. 9/N.W. 27th Avenue between S.R. 934/N.W. 79th Street and N.W. 41st Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Georgia Ayers Way.”

A community activist since the 1960's, Georgia Ayers was assigned to community relations boards and advisory boards to facilitate relations between the community and local police. Among Ms. Ayers' many contributions to the community, she founded the Alternative Program with a Miami-Dade Circuit judge in 1982, working with the court system to offer an alternative to jail time for people charged with nonviolent crimes. She also founded the area's Daily Bread Food Bank. Ms. Ayers recently passed away at the age of 86.

Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street

The portion of N.W. 32nd Avenue between N.W. 87th Street and N.W. 83rd Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street.”

Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor was a podiatrist who also assisted in training new physicians. He also participated in several medical missions to Jamaica and Haiti. He passed away on February 23, 2015, at the age of 50.

Robert ‘Bobby’ L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway

The portion of U.S. 441/S.R. 7 between N.W. 155th Lane and N.W. 151st Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Robert ‘Bobby’ L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway.”

Robert “Bobby” Parker, Sr. joined the Miami-Dade Police Department in 1976, where he served in every civil rank in the Department, from police officer to Captain, before being appointed through the ranks of Major, Chief and Assistant Director. On April 1, 2004, he became the first African-American Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. He honorably served the Department and his community for 33 distinguished years.

Senator Paul B. Steinberg Bridge

Bridge number 870054 on S.R. 112/W. 41st Street/Arthur Godfrey Rd. in Miami Beach is designated as the “Senator Paul B. Steinberg Bridge.”

Senator Steinberg served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1972-1978 and in the Florida Senate from 1978-1982. Mr. Steinberg’s law office has been adjacent to the bridge for over 30 years.

The Hope and Healing Highway

The portion of U.S. 1 between Broward Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard in Broward County is designated as “The Hope and Healing Highway.”

The designation would help empower those who travel on the stretch of road each day to the Nancy J. Cotterman Sexual Assault Treatment Center, Broward County’s rape crisis and children’s advocacy center, and would be a tribute to those who have been victims and are survivors, those who have not yet had the courage to seek help, and those who support the mission to end sexual abuse and to help survivors heal and thrive.

Purple Heart Trail

The portion of S.R. 60 between the Hillsborough County line and Mandalay Avenue in Pinellas County is designated as “Purple Heart Trail.”

According to the Purple Heart website:

The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal...Signs placed at various locations annotate those roads and

highways where legislation has been passed to designate parts of the national road system as “The Purple Heart Trail.”¹²

Section 2 directs the FDOT to erect appropriate signage, at intervals determined by the FDOT, along that portion of S.R. 589/Veterans Expressway between S.R. 60 in Hillsborough County and U.S. 98 in Hernando County, commemorating each of the following conflicts involving the United States Armed Forces:

- World War I;
- World War II;
- The Korean War;
- The Vietnam War;
- Operation Desert Shield;
- Operation Desert Storm;
- Operation Enduring Freedom; and
- Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Section 3 revises a designation enacted in section 1 of chapter 1951-26497, Laws of Florida, the “Broad Causeway Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County, to the “Shepard Broad Causeway.”

The Broad Causeway was designated in honor of Shepard Broad, the founder of Bay Harbor Islands. The Town of Bay Harbor Islands and the Miami-Dade County Commission requested revision of the designation to reflect his full name.

Section 4 directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers correcting the designation as described in section 3.

Section 5 amends section 28 of chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida, to correct the spelling of a previously enacted designation in Miami-Dade County, from the “Reverend Wilner Maxi Street,” to the “Reverend Wilner Maxy Street.”

Section 6 provides that the bill take effect on July 1, 2017.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

¹² See The Military Order of the Purple Heart, *Purple Heart Trail Program*, available at <http://www.purpleheart.org/PHTrail/>. (Last visited April 12, 2017.)

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to FDOT to erect the designation markers required under the bill, [to remove, revise, and re-install the designation markers to correct the previously enacted designations (4 signs), as well as for the 36 newly created designations (72 signs), and at least 8 signs for the commemorating markers along the Veterans Expressway¹³] is \$42,000, for a total of 84 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:

The FDOT advises the following designations are not located on the State Highway System:

- Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard;
- Francisco A. Rodriguez Avenue;
- Olympian Theresa Manuel Way;
- Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard;
- Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Wright Boulevard; and
- Candice Ellize Francois Street.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

This bill amends section 28 of chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida.

¹³ The FDOT advises these signs will cost a minimum of \$500 each. While the bill calls for a minimum of 8 signs, the FDOT advises it has not yet determined appropriate intervals for installation of the signs. Telephone conversation with the FDOT staff, April 7, 2017.

IX. Additional Information:

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

Recommended CS/CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development on April 13, 2017:

The CS adds the following designations:

- “Joe Anderson, Jr., Memorial Highway” in Dixie and Lafayette Counties;
- “Irene U. Hooper Memorial Bridges” in Monroe County;
- “Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway” in Nassau County;
- “Warren E. ‘Charlie’ and Shirley Brown Memorial Highway” in Santa Rosa County;
- “Sheriff Wendell Hall Highway” in Santa Rosa County;
- “Senator Gerald S. ‘Jerry’ Rehm Highway” in Pinellas County;
- “William H. ‘Bill’ Mapoles Bridge” in Okaloosa County;
- “Brigadier General Thomas ‘Mark’ Stogsdill Memorial Overpass” in Okaloosa County;
- “Arnold Palmer Expressway” in Orange County;
- “Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Wright Boulevard” in Alachua County;
- “Candice Ellize Francois Street” in Broward County;
- “Georgia Ayers Way” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Dr. Clifford Garfield O’Connor Street” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Robert ‘Bobby’ L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Senator Paul B. Steinberg Bridge” in Miami Beach;
- “The Hope and Healing Highway” in Broward County; and
- “The Purple Heart Trail” in Pinellas County.

The CS revises a designation enacted in section 1 of chapter 1951-26497, Laws of Florida, the “Broad Causeway Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County, to the “Shepard Broad Causeway.” The CS also directs the FDOT to erect appropriate signage along portions of the Veterans Expressway to commemorate specified conflicts involving the United States Armed Forces.

CS by Transportation on February 21, 2017:

The CS adds the following designations:

- “Gulf Coast Highway” in Pasco County;
- “Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard” in Hillsborough County;
- “Francisco Rodriguez Avenue: in Hillsborough County;
- “Olympian Theresa Manuel Way” in Hillsborough County;
- “Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Deputy A. Hagood Ellzey Memorial Highway” in Levy County;
- “Muhammad Ali Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Stanley G. Tate Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Herman Echevarria Way” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Robert M. Levy Memorial Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County;
- “Lieutenant Debra Clayton Memorial Highway” in Orange County;

- “First Class Deputy Norman Lewis Memorial Highway” in Orange County; and
- “C. Bette Wimbish Highway” in Pinellas County.

The CS also makes two technical changes, one to remove reference to contingent completion of construction for the “Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge,” as construction is now completed; and one to insert a state road number for, and the county in which is located, the “Joe C. Peavy Highway” designation. The CS also corrects the spelling from “Maxi” to “Maxy” in a previously enacted designation of the Reverend Wilner Maxy Street in Miami-Dade County.

B. Amendments:

None.