

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

BILL: SB 368

INTRODUCER: Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: February 21, 2017

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Miller	TR	Pre-meeting
2.			ATD	
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 368 creates six honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers designating the transportation facilities.

The expected fiscal impact to erect the designation markers required under the bill is \$6,000.

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 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

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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

Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge

Upon completion of replacement construction, bridge No. 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.”

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 from U.S. 90 to 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.

Section 2 provides that the bill take effect on July 1, 2016.

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 the bill is \$6,000, including two markers for each designation, for 12 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:

Construction of the bridge over the Econfina River is completed. A technical amendment to remove the phrase, "Upon completion of replacement construction," relating to the "Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge," appears to be in order.

The FDOT also recommends a technical amendment to the "Joe C. Peavy Highway" designation to add a State Road number and include the county in which the designation is located.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.