#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 315 Transportation Facility Designations SPONSOR(S): Commerce Committee, Williamson and others TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: CS/CS/SB 160

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION: 116 Y's 0 N's GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

#### **SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

CS/HB 315 passed the House on March 8, 2022, as CS/CS/SB 160, as amended. The bill contains HB 37, CS/HB 89, CS/HB 147, HB 331, HB 661, SB 650, SB 1008, SB 1092, and SB 1544.

Under current law, the Legislature may designate a transportation facility, such as a bridge, interchange, or portion of a road, for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Legislative designations do not change the official names of the facilities. The Department of Transportation (DOT) erects markers for each designation, but may not do so until the appropriate city or county commission passes a resolution in support of the designation.

The bill creates 26 designations for various transportation facilities across the state and directs DOT to erect suitable markers for each designation.

The bill will have an insignificant negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designations. The cost can be absorbed within DOT's existing resources.

The bill was approved by the Governor on May 9, 2022, ch. 2022-224, and will become effective on July 1, 2022.

#### I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

#### A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

#### **Present Situation**

# Transportation Facility Designations

Under current law, the Legislature may designate a transportation facility, such as a bridge, interchange, or portion of a road, for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Legislative designations do not change the official names of the designated facilities, and do not require local governments or private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings to account for the designations.<sup>1</sup>

Current law sets standards for the naming of state buildings and other facilities. The law provides that, unless specifically provided otherwise by law, state buildings, roads, bridges, parks, recreational complexes, and other similar facilities may not be named for a living person.<sup>2</sup>

## Road Markers

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each terminus or intersection of a designated road, bridge, or other transportation facility and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the facility.<sup>3</sup> Road markers may not be erected until the appropriate city or county commission passes a resolution in support of a particular designation. Additionally, if a designated facility extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government before the road markers can be erected by DOT.<sup>4</sup>

#### Effect of the Bill

The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers for each of the following designations.

Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace Highway

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 715, also known as Bacom Point Road, between W. Morgan Road and S.W. 14th Street in Palm Beach County as "Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace Highway."

On November 28, 2007, while attempting to remove stop sticks that were deployed as part of an effort to slow a stolen vehicle, Deputy Donta Manuel and Deputy Jonathan Wallace were struck and killed by a patrol car pursuing the stolen vehicle.<sup>5</sup> Deputy Manuel was 33 years old and had served with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for 13 years.<sup>6</sup> Deputy Wallace was 23 years old and had served with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for 1 year and 6 months.<sup>7</sup>

#### Virginia Creighton Bridge

Under the bill, bridge number 100850 on S.R. 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway over Old Tampa Bay in Hillsborough County is designated as "Virginia Creighton Bridge."

Virginia (Ginger) Creighton worked in the field of wetland science and was key to developing the Courtney Campbell Causeway – Old Tampa Bay Water Quality Improvement Project that provided

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. 334.071(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. 267.062(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> S. 334.071(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> S. 334.071(3), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Donta J. Manuel*, <a href="https://www.odmp.org/officer/19071-deputy-sheriff-donta-j-manuel">https://www.odmp.org/officer/19071-deputy-sheriff-donta-j-manuel</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Jonathan D. Wallace*, <a href="https://www.odmp.org/officer/19072-deputy-sheriff-jonathan-d-wallace">https://www.odmp.org/officer/19072-deputy-sheriff-jonathan-d-wallace</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

environmental credit for other DOT projects in the Tampa Bay Area.<sup>8</sup> Ms. Creighton passed away on May 29, 2020.<sup>9</sup>

#### Arturo Diaz Artiles Plaza

The bill designates the intersection of S.W. 23rd Avenue and S.W. 8th Street in Miami-Dade County as "Arturo Diaz Artiles Plaza."

Arturo Diaz Artiles was a Cuban exile, who immigrated to the City of Miami in 1962. In 1965, he opened the Santa Clara Pharmacy at the corner of Southwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Southwest 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami. Mr. Artiles also received the United Way of Miami-Dade County Gold award for 30 years of service to his community, the Latin Real Estate Organization Board of Directors Award, and the City of Miami's Certification of Appreciation. Mr. Artiles was a founding member of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, and the Miami-Dade County Commission declared February 25th as Arturo "Arturito" Diaz Artiles Day and presented him with a key to the county.<sup>10</sup>

# Maximino Capdevila Road

The bill desgates that portion of W. Columbus Drive between N. Himes Avenue and N. MacDill Avenue in Hillsborough County as "Maximino Capdevila Road."

In 1962, the Capdevila family immigrated from Cuba on Freedom Flights to Miami, settling in Tampa with their four boys. Mr. and Mrs. Capdevila opened their first business, La Teresita Grocery, in 1972. Ultimately, in 1993, the Capdevilas opened La Teresita, which housed a sit-down restaurant, a cafeteria, and a banquet hall. La Teresita continues in operation today, known for its service to the community and to people and cultures from all walks of life. Mr. Capdevila passed away on December 26, 2010, at the age of 82, survived by his wife, Coralia, two sons, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family and friends.<sup>11</sup>

# Sergeant First Class Michael C. Aten Memorial Highway

Under the bill, that portion of S.R. 19 between C.R. 48 and Lane Park Cutoff Road in Lake County is designated as "Sergeant First Class Michael C. Aten Memorial Highway."

Sergeant First Class Michael C. "Soldier Mike" Aten served in the U.S. Army, became an Army Ranger, and served his country for 26 years. During his service, Sergeant Aten earned numerous military awards, among them, the Bronze Star while serving in Iraq; the Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V," denoting battlefield valor, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Sergeant Aten passed away after a motorcycle accident on January 3, 2020.<sup>12</sup>

## Warren Alvarez Memorial Bridge

The bill designates bridge number 720684 on I-95 over the Trout River in Duval County as "Warren Alvarez Memorial Bridge."

Former two-term Jacksonville City Council member Warren Alvarez was a native and lifelong resident of Jacksonville's Northside and lived all of his life on his family's dairy farm. Mr. Alvarez was active in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Virginia (Ginger) Creighton Death Notice from the Florida Department of Transportation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Virginia A. "Ginger" Creighton, Legacy.com, <a href="https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/staugustine/name/virginia-creighton-obituary?id=8236801">https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/staugustine/name/virginia-creighton-obituary?id=8236801</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Miami-Dade Legislative Item File Number: 211394, Miami-Dade County, <a href="https://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?matter=211394&file=true&fileAnalysis=false&yearFolder=Y2021">https://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?matter=211394&file=true&fileAnalysis=false&yearFolder=Y2021</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Maximino Capdevila, Legacy.com, <a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tbo/obituary.aspx?pid=147472539">https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tbo/obituary.aspx?pid=147472539</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>12</sup> Daily Commercial, Taps for Sqt. 1st Class "Soldier Mike" Aten, January 11, 2020,

https://www.dailycommercial.com/story/news/local/2020/01/11/taps-for-sgt-lst-class-soldier-mike-aten/1918137007/ (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

agricultural and civic organizations and activities, serving on many boards, commissions, and organizations at the county and state levels. Known for his advocacy for his constituents, Mr. Alvarez worked successfully to have Interstate 95 widened as it crosses the Trout River Bridge. Mr. Alvarez passed away on March 6, 2021, at the age of 86.<sup>13</sup>

## Deputy William Gentry, Jr., Highway

Under the bill, that portion of U.S. 27/S.R. 25 between the Polk County line and the Glades County line in Highlads County is designated as "Deputy William Gentry, Jr., Highway."

Deputy William Gentry, Jr., served with the Highlands County Sherriff's Office for 13 years in various capacities, including time on patrol, the K-9 Unit, the Special Investigations Unit, and as a field training deputy.<sup>14</sup> On May 6, 2019, Deputy Gentry and the deputy he was training responded to an animal abuse call in Highlands County. Deputy Gentry attempted to make contact with the suspect, who opened fire on Deputy Gentry. On May 7, 2019, Deputy Gentry succumbed to his injuries at the age of 40.<sup>15</sup>

# Veterans Honor Highway

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 100 in Clay County between the Bradford County line and the Putnam County line as "Veterans Honor Highway."

The bill honors Florida veterans by designating the described section of road. More than 1.5 million veterans call Florida home, making it the state with the third largest population of veterans. According to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Florida has earned the reputation of being the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.<sup>16</sup>

## Sergeant Eric John Twisdale Memorial Interchange

The bill designates the interchange at S.R. 23/First Coast Expressway and Henley Road in Clay County as "Sergeant Eric John Twisdale Memorial Interchange."

Sergeant Eric John Twisdale served with the Clay County Sheriff's Office in various capacities for 22 years and previously served with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. To Sergeant Twisdale received the Sheriff's Office's Lifesaving Award in 2014 after he saved someone from drowning, and he was recognized as Deputy of the Year in 2015 for "displaying exceptional valor." Sergeant Twisdale passed away on August 19, 2020, after contracting COVID-19 due to a presumed exposure at the Clay County Sheriff's Office. 19

#### Pio leraci Memorial Drive

The bill designates that portion of S.R. A1A between the northern terminus and southern terminus of Galt Ocean Drive in Broward County as "Pio Ieraci Memorial Drive."

After moving to Florida over 30 years ago, Pio Richard leraci became an active community leader in the Fort Lauderdale Community. Throughout Mr. leraci's time in Florida, he served as a member of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The Florida Times-Union, *Warren Alvarez*, <a href="https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesunion/name/warren-alvarez-obituary?id=6685153">https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesunion/name/warren-alvarez-obituary?id=6685153</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> William J Gentry, Jr., Legacy.Com, <a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/william-gentry-jr-obituary?pid=188976004">https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/william-gentry-jr-obituary?pid=188976004</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff William Jackson Gentry, Jr.*, <a href="https://www.odmp.org/officer/23672-deputy-sheriff-william-jackson-gentry-jr">https://www.odmp.org/officer/23672-deputy-sheriff-william-jackson-gentry-jr</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>16</sup> Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Our Veterans, https://floridavets.org/our-veterans/ (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Sergeant Eric John Twisdale*, <a href="https://www.odmp.org/officer/24909-sergeant-eric-john-twisdale">https://www.odmp.org/officer/24909-sergeant-eric-john-twisdale</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Dan Scanlan, *Remebered as 'a cop's cop,' Clay County sergeant laid to rest after COVID-19 death*, jacksonville.com (Sept. 24, 2020), <a href="https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/crime/2020/09/24/sgt-eric-twisdale-remembered-cops-cop-funeral/3515087001/">https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/crime/2020/09/24/sgt-eric-twisdale-remembered-cops-cop-funeral/3515087001/</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, supra note 17.

City of Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board, Chairman of South Florida Business Advisors, Inc., Chairman of the Broward Beach Coalition, President of the Galt Mile Community Association, and President of the Galt Ocean Club Condominium Association. Mr. leraci passed away on December 20, 2020, and is survived by his wife and two children.<sup>20</sup>

## Sgt. George Lee Taylor, Sr., Memorial Highway

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 520/W. King Street between S.R. 501/Clearlake Road and S.R. 519/Fiske Boulevard in Brevard County as "Sgt. George Lee Taylor, Sr., Memorial Highway."

Sgt. George Lee Taylor, Sr., served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1971. After returning from war, Sgt. Taylor founded National Veterans Homeless Support, which is estimated to have helped reduce the homeless veteran population in Brevard County by 90 percent. Sgt. Taylor passed away on May 17, 2020.<sup>21</sup>

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 519/Fiske Boulevard between Rosa L. Jones Drive and I-95 in Brevard County as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a civil rights leader and the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, with his most well-known speech being the famous "I Have a Dream" address. On the evening of April 4, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated. <sup>22</sup>

#### Reverend Murray Hamilton, Sr., Highway

Under the bill, that portion of U.S. 90 between Canal Street and Stewart Street in Santa Rosa County is designated as "Reverend Murray Hamilton, Sr., Highway."

Reverend Murray Hamilton, Sr., served in the United States Navy and worked for Monsanto/Solutia for 37 years. His life's work revolved around building the community, and he was influential in developing many programs and organizations in Milton, Florida. Reverend Hamilton passed away on January 25, 2021.<sup>23</sup>

#### Ira Mae Wells-Bruce Memorial Highway

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 87 between E. Bay Boulevard and U.S. 98 in Santa Rosa County as "Ira Mae Wells-Bruce Memorial Highway."

Ira Mae Wells-Bruce was Santa Rosa County's first female commissioner and presided over numerous business and civic organizations. Additionally, Ms. Bruce was co-broker/owner of Century 21 Island View Realty.<sup>24</sup> Ms. Bruce passed away on December 1, 2020.<sup>25</sup>

# Pensacola Police Fallen Heroes Highway

The bill designates that portion of Bayfront Parkway between Tarragona Street and N. 17th Avenue in Escambia County as "Pensacola Police Fallen Heroes Highway."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Dignity Memorial, *Pio Richard Ieraci*, <a href="https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fort-lauderdale-fl/pio-ieraci-9961464">https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fort-lauderdale-fl/pio-ieraci-9961464</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> George Taylor Sr., Legacy.com, <a href="https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/floridatoday/name/george-taylor-obituary?id=8577009">https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/floridatoday/name/george-taylor-obituary?id=8577009</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The Nobel Prize, *Martin Luther King Jr.*, <a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/biographical/">https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/biographical/</a> (last visited Mar. 11. 2022).

Email from Sydney Fowler, Legislative Aide, Office of Representative Jayer Williamson, House Bill 315, (Oct. 27, 2021).
 South Santa Rosa News (@SouthSRNews). Facebook (Dec. 1, 2020. 3:22 PM).

https://www.facebook.com/1619922901599897/posts/santa-rosa-countys-first-female-county-commissioner-has-passed-away-it-is-with-i/2817435305181978/ (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Celebration of life to be held for Ira Mae Bruce, Navarre Press (May 1, 2021), <a href="https://navarrepress.com/celebration-of-life-to-be-held-for-ira-mae-bruce/">https://navarrepress.com/celebration-of-life-to-be-held-for-ira-mae-bruce/</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

Pensacola Police Fallen Heroes Highway honors the 16 men who lost their lives in service to the City of Pensacola and will serve as a reminder that their sacrifice has not been forgotten.<sup>26</sup>

## Cheryl H. Cates Memorial Bridge

Under the bill, the Cow Key Channel Bridge, bridge numbers 900086 and 900125, between milepost 4.100 and milepost 4.169 on Overseas Highway in Monroe County is designated as "Cheryl H. Cates Memorial Bridge."

Cheryl H. Cates was a long-time resident of Key West and an active member of the community. Mrs. Cates served as The First Lady of Key West for 9 years, and she was involved in many organizations and spearheaded numerous fundraisers for people and causes in her community. Mrs. Cates passed away on December 2, 2020, and is survived by her husband, daughters, and grandchildren.<sup>27</sup>

## Oswaldo Pavá Wav

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 953/N.W. 42nd Avenue between N.W. 11th Street and N.W. 14th Street in Miami-Dade County as "Oswaldo Payá Way."

Oswaldo Payá was admired by many for his selfless dedication to protecting human rights, opposing Cuba's one-party rule, and fighting for core human and political rights. Among his many recognitions, Mr. Payá received the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought from the European Parliament in 2002. On July 22, 2012, in an incident many believe to have been orchestrated by the Cuban regime, Mr. Payá died in a car accident.<sup>28</sup>

# Coach Guy Thomas Memorial Highway

The bill designates that portion os S.R. 82 between Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard and Ortiz Avenue in Lee County as "Coach Guy Thomas Memorial Highway."

Coach Guy Thomas was an Exceptional Student Education teacher at Dunbar High School in Fort Myers, Florida. Coach Thomas was a fixture in the community, serving as a coach for the school's track and field and cross country teams, as well as his AAU Olympia Track Club. Coach Thomas was named the 2021 The News-Press/Naples Daily News' Jeff Sommer Memorial Coach of the Year. Coach Thomas passed away at the age of 51 after encounter complications from COVID-19.<sup>29</sup>

#### Michael Moskowitz Drive

The bill designates that portion of North University Drive between S.R. 827 and the Sawgrass Expressway is designated as "Michael Moskowitz Drive."

Michael Moskowitz was a Broward County lawyer, lobbyist, and philanthropist. Mr. Moskowitz was also known for being a strong supporter of the Jewish community and noted community leader. Mr. Moskowitz passed away in January of 2022 at the age of 68.<sup>30</sup>

Austin D. Gayne Memorial Highway

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> City of Pensacola Resolution No. 2020-38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Keys Weekly, *Obituary: In Loving Memory of Cheryl Cates*, Dec. 11, 2020, <a href="https://keysweekly.com/42/obituary-in-loving-memory-of-cheryl-cates/">https://keysweekly.com/42/obituary-in-loving-memory-of-cheryl-cates/</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> International Republican Institute, *Remembering Oswaldo Payá: The Legacy of a Cuban Visionary*, July 21, 2020, <a href="https://www.iri.org/news/remembering-oswaldo-paya-the-legacy-of-a-cuban-visionary/">https://www.iri.org/news/remembering-oswaldo-paya-the-legacy-of-a-cuban-visionary/</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022). <sup>29</sup> Ed Reed and Dustin B Lew, *'He's a role model': Dunbar track coach Guy Thomas dies from COVID-19 complications*, Fort Myers News-Press, July, 13, 2021, <a href="https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/ncaafb/hes-a-role-model-dunbar-track-coach-quy-thomas-dies-from-covid-19-complications/ar-AAM7klw">https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/ncaafb/hes-a-role-model-dunbar-track-coach-quy-thomas-dies-from-covid-19-complications/ar-AAM7klw</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Prominent Florida lawyer and Democratic fundraiser dies of pancreatic cancer, 10 Tampa Bay, January 17, 2022, <a href="https://www.wtsp.com/article/news/regional/florida/michael-moskowitz-dies/67-82c03c4d-0bab-4463-b93d-a97ea7a3f255">https://www.wtsp.com/article/news/regional/florida/michael-moskowitz-dies/67-82c03c4d-0bab-4463-b93d-a97ea7a3f255</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 408/Holland East-West Expressway between the Mills Avenue Exit and the Rosalind Avenue Exit in Orange County as "Austin D. Gayne Memorial Highway."

Austin D. Gayne was a tow truck driver operating out of Orlando, Florida. Mr. Gayne passed away on February 26, 2021, from injuries sustained while working on an Orlando Highway, due to a driver who failed to slow down and move over.<sup>31</sup>

# Anthony Reznik Boulevard

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 826/Sunny Isles Boulevard between N.E. 35th Avenue and S.R. A1A in Miami-Dade County as "Anthony Reznik Boulevard."

Anthony Reznik was an 11-year-old boy from South Florida who was struck by a car while legally crossing the street in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida. After his death, Anthony's family decided to donate his organs to help others. Anthony is survived by his parents and sister.<sup>32</sup>

#### Soul of Miami Avenue

The bill designates that portion of N.W. 12th Avenue/John Henry Peavy Jr. Avenue between N.W. 62nd Street and N.W. 71st Street in Miami-Dade County as "Soul of Miami Avenue."

Liberty City is one of Miami's most significant historically black neighborhoods. Liberty City played a significant role in Miami's unique black history. Some celebrities from Liberty City include rappers Trina and Trick Daddy, NBA player Udonis Haslem with the Miami Heat since 2003, and NFL players Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson and Willis McGahee. The City of Miami passed a resolution allowing for the creation of the Liberty City Soul District.

#### Private Tillman R. Clark Memorial Bridge

Under the bill, bridge number 380097 on U.S. 27 over the Fenholloway River in Taylor County is designated as "Private Tillman R. Clark Memorial Bridge."

Private Tillman R. Clark served in the United States Army from February 27, 1941, to September 7, 1945. During his service in Normandy he was captured as a prisoner of war. He was awarded the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, and European and Middle East Theatre of Operations Medal.<sup>35</sup> Private Clark passed away in 1999.<sup>36</sup>

# Staff Sergeant Keon Clyde Sands Memorial Parkway

The bill designates that portion of Mantanzas Woods Parkway between Bird of Paradise Drive and Old Kings Road in Flagler County as "Staff Sergeant Keon Clyde Sands Memorial Parkway."

Staff Sergeant (SSG) Keon Clyde Sands served in the military and was deployed to Afganistan in 2018. SSG Sands served as a leader in the Army in multiple capacities, including as Squad Leader and Senior Financial Management Anlayst when he was a part of the 2153rd Financial Management

<sup>36</sup> Gloria Irene Clark, <a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/gloria-clark-obituary?pid=177016694">https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/gloria-clark-obituary?pid=177016694</a> (last visited Mar. 11 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Austin Daniel Gayne, Mar. 5, 2021, <a href="https://www.themountaineer.com/obituaries/austin-daniel-gayne/article\_94012c92-7dd2-11eb-b96b-ff2d6f4dcdcb.html">https://www.themountaineer.com/obituaries/austin-daniel-gayne/article\_94012c92-7dd2-11eb-b96b-ff2d6f4dcdcb.html</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Gina Benitez & Brandon Beyer, Family donates organs of 11-year-old boy struck, declared brain dead in Sunny Isles Beach, 7 News Miami (Feb. 25, 2021), <a href="https://wsvn.com/news/local/family-donates-organs-of-11-year-old-boy-struck-declared-brain-dead-in-sunny-isles-beach/">https://wsvn.com/news/local/family-donates-organs-of-11-year-old-boy-struck-declared-brain-dead-in-sunny-isles-beach/</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Shayne Benowitz, *The History of Liberty Square*, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (Jul. 22, 2020), <a href="https://www.miamiandbeaches.com/things-to-do/history-and-heritage/the-history-of-liberty-square">https://www.miamiandbeaches.com/things-to-do/history-and-heritage/the-history-of-liberty-square</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See City of Miami, *Marked Agenda*, City Commission (Oct. 28, 2021), available at <a href="http://miamifl.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=15&ID=2501&Inline=True">http://miamifl.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=15&ID=2501&Inline=True</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).
 <sup>35</sup> Taylor County Resolution, Jan. 19, 2021,

https://cms6.revize.com/revize/taylorcountyfl/TILLMAN%20CLARK%20RESOLUTION.pdf (last visited Mar. 11, 2022). 

36 Gloria Irene Clark, https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/gloria-clark-obituary?pid=177016694 (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

Support Detachment. Some of the awards SSG Sands received include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal. SSG Sands passed away due to a motorcycle accident on November 23, 2021.<sup>37</sup>

# Purple Heart Highway

The bill designates that portion of I-75 between the Charlotte County line bordering DeSoto County and the Lee County line bordering Collier County as "Purple Heart Highway."

The Purple Heart is a medal that is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military. More than 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been presented to service members since the award was created in 1782.<sup>38</sup>

## Bellas Artes Way

The bill designates that portion of U.S. 41/S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 21st Avenue and S.W. 22nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Bellas Artes Way."

#### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Revenues:
 None.

2. Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,040 for the appropriate markers for each designation, which provides for two signs at \$520 per sign.<sup>39</sup> Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$27,040 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

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

None.

# D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Keon Sands, 27, Veteran of Afghanistan, Is Killed in Motorcycle Collision With Semi on I-95. Semi Kept Going., FlaglerLive.com, November 24, 2021, <a href="https://flaglerlive.com/170401/keon-clyde-sands/">https://flaglerlive.com/170401/keon-clyde-sands/</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022); Keon Sands, The Daytona Beach News Journal, <a href="https://www.news-journalonline.com/obituaries/pdtb0120790">https://www.news-journalonline.com/obituaries/pdtb0120790</a> (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Danielle DeSimone, *8 Things You Need to Know About the Purple Heart Medal*, USO, August 6, 2021, https://www.uso.org/stories/2276-8-purple-heart-facts (last visited Mar. 11, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Email from Amanda Marsh, Legislative Analyst, Florida Department of Transportation, FDOT Memorial Roadway Designation Sign Estimate, (Sep. 15, 2021).

None.