

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** CS/CS/HB 21 Transportation Facility Designations

**SPONSOR(S):** Infrastructure Strategies Committee, Transportation & Modals Subcommittee, Sirois and others

**TIED BILLS:** IDEN./SIM. **BILLS:** CS/CS/CS/SB 96

---

**FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:** 87 Y's

25 N's

**GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Approved

---

### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/CS/HB 21 passed the House on April 27, 2023. The bill was amended in the Senate on April 27, 2023, and returned to the House. The House concurred with the Senate amendment and subsequently passed the bill as amended on May 3, 2023.

State law authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities, such as bridges, interchanges, or portions of roads, for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Legislative designations do not change the official names of the facilities and do not require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings to account for the designations. The Department of Transportation (DOT) may not erect the markers for each designation unless the appropriate city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation.

The bill creates 22 designations for various transportation facilities across the state and revises a designation enacted in 1991. The bill also 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 30, 2023, ch. 2023-317, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 1, 2023.

## 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 officially change the existing names of the 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>

Regarding the naming of state buildings and other facilities, state law provides that except as specifically provided 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

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is required to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of the highway segment or bridge designated and may erect other markers it deems appropriate for the designated transportation facility.<sup>3</sup> Markers may not be erected until the appropriate city or county commission passes a resolution in support of the particular designation. Additionally, if the designated facility is located in multiple cities or counties, each affected local government must pass a resolution in support of the designation before DOT can install the markers.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Effect of the Bill**

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

##### Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick

The bill designates the portion of I-275 between mile markers 30 and 31 in Pinellas County as "Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick Memorial Highway."

Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick served with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for 19 years. On September 22, 2022, Deputy Hartwick was fatally struck by a construction front-end loader truck while working an overnight assignment directing traffic for construction work on I-275.<sup>5</sup>

##### Sgt. Maj. Thomas Richard "Ric" Landreth

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 87 between E. Bay Boulevard (mile post 2.182) and Bob Tolbert Road (mile post 6.308) in Santa Rosa County as "Sgt. Maj. Thomas Richard 'Ric' Landreth Memorial Highway."

Sergeant Major Thomas Richard "Ric" Landreth, Retired U.S. Army, was born on April 1, 1957, at Eglin Air Force Base and grew up in the Holley area. He had over 30 years of military service, including deployments to Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq, while serving in the U.S.

---

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/26387-deputy-sheriff-michael-hartwick> (last visited Jan. 5, 2023).

Army Special Ops Delta Force until his retirement in 2005.<sup>6</sup> During his tour in Somalia, Sergeant Major Landreth and his squadron were involved in the Battle of Mogadishu in October of 1993, which is depicted in the 2001 "Black Hawk Down" movie. He passed away on April 25, 2020, after a brief illness.<sup>7</sup>

#### Army Specialist Zachary L. Shannon

The bill designates the portion of Alternate U.S. 19/Bayshore Boulevard between Orange Street and Michigan Boulevard in Pinellas County as "SPC Zachary L. Shannon Memorial Highway."

Army Specialist Zachary L. Shannon, a native of Dunedin, FL, gave his life in service to our country on March 11, 2013, in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crash near Kandahar, Afghanistan, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.<sup>8</sup> Specialist Shannon was 21-years-old and was one of five U.S. soldiers who died in the unexplained crash.<sup>9</sup>

#### Officer Scott Eric Bell

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 105/Heckscher Drive between New Berlin Road East and Orahood Lane in Duval County as "Officer Scott Eric Bell Highway."

On October 12, 2007, Officer Scott Eric Bell was killed when a vehicle operated by an intoxicated driver pulled out in front of his patrol car.<sup>10</sup> Officer Bell joined the U.S. Navy after high school and served over 20 years before serving with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 7 years as a patrolman.<sup>11</sup>

#### Officer Christopher Michael Kane

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 9A/East Beltway 295 between Gate Parkway and Baymeadows Road in Duval County as "Officer Christopher Michael Kane Highway."

On September 4, 2008, Officer Christopher Michael Kane was killed when his patrol car collided with the back of a semi carrying construction equipment in a construction zone.<sup>12</sup> Officer Kane served in the Marine Corp before serving with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 12 years.<sup>13</sup>

#### Coach Gwendolyn Maxwell

The bill designates the bridge on Howell Drive over the Ribault River in Duval County as "Coach Gwendolyn Maxwell Bridge to Ribault."<sup>14</sup>

Gwendolyn Maxwell, recognized as one of the most successful girls' track and field coaches in the history of Florida, was a lifelong educator for 36 years and the track and field coach at Ribault High

---

<sup>6</sup> Alex Miller, *Part of State Road 87 could be named after Black Hawk Down veteran from Santa Rosa County*, Pensacola News Journal (Oct. 14, 2021), <https://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/santa-rosa/2021/10/14/state-road-87-section-may-named-after-black-hawk-down-veteran-thomas-richard-ric-landreth/8442350002/> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> The Fallen Military Times, *Honor the Fallen: Army Spc. Zachary L. Shannon*, <https://thefallen.militarytimes.com/army-spc-zachary-l-shannon/6568416> (last visited Feb. 1, 2023).

<sup>9</sup> Keyonna Summers, *Hundreds honor Dunedin soldier who died in copter crash*, Tampa Bay Times (March 24, 2013), <https://www.tampabay.com/news/military/hundreds-honor-dunedin-soldier-who-died-in-copter-crash/2111016/> last visited Feb. 1, 2023).

<sup>10</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Officer Scott Eric Bell*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/19030-officer-scott-eric-bell> (last visited Mar. 1, 2023).

<sup>11</sup> Email from Jason Lee Carter, Legislative Aide to Representative Chuck Brannan, Florida House of Representatives, RE: Officer Biographies HB 893 (Feb. 22, 2023).

<sup>12</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Officer Christopher Michael Kane*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/19540-officer-christopher-michael-kane> (last visited Mar. 1, 2023).

<sup>13</sup> Email from Jason Lee Carter, *supra* note 11.

<sup>14</sup> The bridge on Howell Drive over the Ribault River in Duval County is not a part of the state highway system. The bridge is maintained by the City of Jacksonville.

School for 20 years.<sup>15</sup> Maxwell directed five teams to state titles, was named coach of the year five times, and was the Florida representative for the national track coach of the year three times.<sup>16</sup> Maxwell was inducted into the Ribault Athletic Hall of Fame in October, 2018, as well as the Florida Athletics Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995.<sup>17</sup> Maxwell passed away on June 16, 2020, at the age of 86, after a nearly decade long battle with Alzheimer's.<sup>18</sup>

#### Dr. Sally Ride

The bill designates, upon completion of construction, the new NASA Causeway Bridge on S.R. 405 over the Indian River in Brevard County is designated as "Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge."

In 1977, Dr. Sally Ride was one of only six women selected for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) class of 1978. On June 18, 1983, Dr. Ride became the first American woman in space, and at the age of 32, the youngest American in space as one of five crew members aboard the space shuttle *Challenger* STS-7. Dr. Ride returned to space on October 5, 1984, aboard another shuttle mission, the STS-41G, and continued working for NASA until 1987.<sup>19</sup> Dr. Ride was passionate about improving science and mathematics education and helping young women and girls foster an interest in science. Dr. Ride passed away on July 23, 2012, after a 17-month battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 61.<sup>20</sup>

#### Corporal James McWhorter

The bill designates the portion of I-95 between mile markers 380 and 381 in Nassau County as "Corporal James McWhorter Memorial Highway."

On February 12, 2022, Corporal James McWhorter was killed when his vehicle was struck by an oncoming pickup truck while he was crossing from the northbound Agricultural Inspection Station on I-95 to the southbound Agricultural Inspection Station.<sup>21</sup> Corporal McWhorter had served with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement for 2-1/2 years and was posthumously promoted to Corporal. He was 31 years old at the time of his death and is survived by his fiancée and four children.<sup>22</sup>

#### Rush Limbaugh

The bill designates the portion of Cortez Boulevard between U.S. 41 and S.R. 50/50A in Hernando County as "Rush Limbaugh Way."

Rush Limbaugh, a Palm Beach, Florida, resident, was a U.S. radio personality and political commentator.<sup>23</sup> Considered a pioneer of AM talk-radio, Mr. Limbaugh hosted "The Rush Limbaugh

---

<sup>15</sup> Cole Pepper, *Legendary Ribault track coach Gwendolyn Maxwell dies at 86*, News4Jax (June 17, 2020), <https://www.news4jax.com/sports/2020/06/18/legendary-ribault-track-coach-gwendolyn-maxwell-dies-at-86/> (last visited Jan. 12, 2023).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> Gene Frenette, *Gwendolyn Maxwell, state championship track coach at Ribault, dies at 86*, The Florida Times-Union (June 17, 2020), <https://www.jacksonville.com/story/sports/high-school/2020/06/17/gwendolyn-maxwell-state-championship-track-coach-at-ribault-dies-at-86/41726449/> (last visited Jan. 12, 2023).

<sup>18</sup> *Id.*

<sup>19</sup> National Women's History Museum, *Sally Ride*, <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/sally-ride> (last visited Jan. 5, 2023).

<sup>20</sup> Sally Ride Science at UC San Diego, *Dr. Sally Ride*, <https://sallyridescience.ucsd.edu/about/sallyride/> (last visited Jan. 5, 2023).

<sup>21</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Corporal James McWhorter*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/25942-corporal-james-mcwhorter> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>22</sup> Aaron Farrar, *Florida agricultural officer who died in Nassau County crash posthumously promoted*, News4Jax (Feb. 19, 2022), <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2022/02/19/homegoing-service-for-florida-agricultural-officer-who-died-in-nassau-county-crash/> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>23</sup> Peter Burke, *Conservative radio show host, Palm Beach resident Rush Limbaugh dies at 70*, Associated Press (Feb. 17, 2023), <https://www.wptv.com/news/region-c-palm-beach-county/palm-beach/conservative-radio-show-host-palm-beach-resident-rush-limbaugh-dies-at-70> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

Show” for 32 years.<sup>24</sup> In February 2020, Former President Donald Trump awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. Mr. Limbaugh passed away on February 17, 2021, at the age of 70, following a battle with advanced lung cancer.<sup>25</sup>

#### Senior Inspector Rita Jane Hall

The bill designates the portion of I-10 between mile markers 222 and 228 in Jefferson County as "Senior Inspector Rita Jane Hall Memorial Highway."

Senior Inspector Rita Jane Hall spent over 27 years in law enforcement and the protection of citizens of the State of Florida. She was a police officer for the Tallahassee Police Department and the Monticello Police Department.<sup>26</sup> Within the Department of Corrections, Senior Inspector Hall held the positions of Fugitive Unit Coordinator, where she is still unsurpassed in her success in apprehending criminals who had escaped custody, and Senior Inspector for the Office of the Inspector General. Senior Inspector Hall passed away unexpectedly on December 27, 2018.<sup>27</sup>

#### Deputy Sheriff Michael Scott Williams

The bill designates the portion of U.S. 19 between C.R. 361/Beach Road and C.R. 30/Foley Road in Taylor County as "Michael Scott Williams Parkway."

On October 31, 2016, Deputy Sheriff Michael Scott Williams was killed when his patrol car collided with the rear of a logging truck.<sup>28</sup> Deputy Williams served with the Taylor County Sheriff’s Office for 17 months and had previously served with the Brooksville Police Department.<sup>29</sup>

#### Officer Kevin Valencia

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 435 between Conroy Road and Vineland Road in Orange County as "Officer Kevin Valencia Memorial Highway."

On March 15, 2021, Officer Kevin Valencia succumbed to complications of gunshot wounds sustained while responding to a domestic violence disturbance with an armed man holding four children hostage on June 11, 2018.<sup>30</sup> He was awarded a Purple Heart by the Orlando Police Department for his heroic response. Officer Valencia was 29 at the time of his death and had served with the Orlando Police Department for three years. He is survived by his wife and two children.<sup>31</sup>

#### Deputy Sheriff Eugene Gregory

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 46 between East Lake Mary Boulevard in Seminole County and the Brevard County line as "Deputy Sheriff Eugene 'Stetson' Gregory Memorial Highway."

On July 8, 1998, Deputy Sheriff Eugene Gregory was shot and killed after responding to a shots-fired call involving an armed, mentally ill person. Deputy Gregory served the Seminole County Sheriff’s

---

<sup>24</sup> Oliver Darcy, *Rush Limbaugh, conservative media icon, dead at 70 following battle with cancer*, CNN Business (Feb. 17, 2023), <https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/17/media/rush-limbaugh-obituary/index.html> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>25</sup> David Folkenflik, *Talk Show Host Rush Limbaugh, A Conservative Lodestar, Dies At 70*, NPR (Feb. 17, 2021), <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/17/926491419/talk-show-host-rush-limbaugh-a-conservative-lodestar-dies-at-70> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>26</sup> Email from LeAnn Bunton, Legislative Aide to Representative Jason Shoaf, Florida House of Representatives, RE: Amendment to HB 893 (Mar. 8, 2023).

<sup>27</sup> Tallahassee Democrat, *Rita Jane Hall*, <https://www.tallahassee.com/obituaries/tad045823> (last visited Mar. 9, 2023).

<sup>28</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Michael Scott Williams*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/23007-deputy-sheriff-michael-scott-williams> (last visited Mar. 9, 2023).

<sup>29</sup> Email from LeAnn Bunton, *supra* note 26.

<sup>30</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Police Officer Kevin Andres Valencia*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/25187-police-officer-kevin-andres-valencia> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>31</sup> Rebecca Turco and Cheryn Stone, *"We Shouldn't Be Here" Orlando Police, Family Honor Officer Kevin Valencia*, Spectrum News 13 (Mar. 24, 2021), <https://www.mynews13.com/fl/orlando/news/2021/03/24/funeral-service-to-be-held-for-orlando-officer-kevin-valencia> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

Office for seven years and was 55 years old at the time of his death.<sup>32</sup> Deputy Gregory's death served as the inspiration for the Seminole County community and the Sheriff's Office to take a proactive role in mental health intervention and treatment that continues to this day.<sup>33</sup>

#### Kyle Lee Patterson

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 70/Okeechobee Road between Ideal Holding Road and C.R. 613/Carlton Road in St. Lucie County as "Kyle Lee Patterson Memorial Way."

On June 9, 2022, Senior Investigator Kyle Lee Patterson succumbed to injuries sustained in a head-on collision in which a vehicle traveling in the wrong direction crashed into Investigator Patterson's Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) truck. Investigator Patterson served with FWC for 15 years.<sup>34</sup> During his career he received numerous awards, including a Lifesaving Award in 2010, an Exceptional Performance Award in 2015, a Letter of Commendation in 2017, the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation Award in 2018, and recognition for his performance during FWC's responses to Hurricanes Irma and Michael. He was 35 at the time of his death and is survived by his wife and two young children.<sup>35</sup>

#### Deputy Sheriff Barbara Ann Pill

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 518/ Eau Gallie Boulevard between Wickham Road and John Rodes Boulevard in Brevard County as "Deputy Sheriff Barbara Ann Pill Memorial Highway."

On March 6, 2012, Deputy Sheriff Barbara Ann Pill was killed in the line of duty while conducting a traffic stop of two suspected burglars. Deputy Pill had served with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for 15 years and served in law enforcement for 30 years.<sup>36</sup> She is survived by her husband, as well as her two sons who also serve in law enforcement.<sup>37</sup>

#### Elsa Patton "Mama Elsa"

The bill designates the portion of S.W. 22nd Avenue between Kirk Street and Tigertail Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Mama Elsa Street."

Elsa Patton, born in Varadero, Cuba, came to the United States at the age of 19, and became known to the world as "Mama Elsa" on Bravo's reality TV series "The Real Housewives of Miami." Mama Elsa lived in Coconut Grove, Florida, for 30 years and was well known in the community for her engagement and passion for rescuing abandoned animals. Mama Elsa passed away in 2019 at the age of 84, after a long battle with dementia.<sup>38</sup>

#### Deputy Sheriff Gabriel Morris Fish

The bill designates the intersection at S.R. 121 North and C.R. 23D in Baker County as "Deputy Sheriff Morris Fish Memorial Intersection."

---

<sup>32</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Eugene Andrew Gregory*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/15119-deputy-sheriff-eugene-andrew-gregory> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>33</sup> Seminole County Sheriff's Office, *In Memoriam*, <https://www.seminolesheriff.org/page.aspx?id=18> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>34</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Senior Investigator Kyle Lee Patterson*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/26209-senior-investigator-kyle-lee-patterson> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>35</sup> Matt Papaycik, *FWC wildlife officer killed in St. Lucie County wrong-way crash identified as Kyle Patterson*, WPTV (Jun. 10, 2022), <https://www.wptv.com/news/treasure-coast/region-st-lucie-county/fwc-wildlife-officer-killed-in-st-lucie-county-wrong-way-crash-identified-as-kyle-patterson> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>36</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Barbara Ann Pill*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/21204-deputy-sheriff-barbara-ann-pill> (last visited Apr. 10, 2023).

<sup>37</sup> Stacey Barchenger, *Thousands gather for Brevard deputy Pill's funeral in Melbourne*, TCPalm (Mar. 14, 2012) <https://archive.tcpalm.com/news/thousands-gather-for-brevard-deputy-pills-funeral-in-melbourne-ep-382923625-343380152.html/> (last visited Apr. 10, 2023).

<sup>38</sup> Email from Angelimarie Arana, Legislative Aide to Representative Alina Garcia, Florida House of Representatives, RE: Elsa Cristine Patton (Apr. 24, 2023).

On January 11, 1966, after a high-speed chase involving nearly 100 officers, Deputy Sheriff Morris Fish was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a bank robbery suspect. Deputy Fish was a veteran of the Korean War who served with the Baker County Sheriff's Office.<sup>39</sup>

#### Christa McAuliffe

The bill designates the bridge on S.R. 3 over the Canaveral Barge Canal in Brevard County as "Christa McAuliffe Bridge."

Christa McAuliffe was a high school teacher and the first American civilian selected to go into space in 1985. On January 28, 1986, she was aboard the Challenger space shuttle for mission STS-51L at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.<sup>40</sup> The shuttle exploded just minutes after the scheduled lift-off, and the entire crew was killed. Following her death, she was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.<sup>41</sup>

#### Archbishop Edward McCarthy

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 823/South Flamingo Road between Southwest 52nd Street and Southwest 55th Street in Broward County as "Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School Way."

Archbishop Edward McCarthy became the co-adjudicator Archbishop of Miami in 1976 and assumed leadership of the Archdiocese of Miami in 1977. In 1997, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School was named in his honor due to Archbishop McCarthy's vast contributions to the South Florida Roman Catholic community, including his educational contributions.<sup>42</sup> The high school became the first new Catholic High School in the Archdiocese in nearly thirty years and today is recognized as a School of Excellence by the Catholic High School Honor Roll.<sup>43</sup>

#### Staff Sergeant Carl Phillippe Enis

The bill designates the portion of U.S. 98 between Tarpine Drive in Wakulla County and Alligator Drive in Franklin County as "SSgt. Carl Phillippe Enis Memorial Highway."

Staff Sergeant Carl Phillippe Enis was born in Miami, Florida, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies and a Master's in Business Administration from Florida State University. He was passionate about the outdoors and was an expert at hunting birds and big game as well as offshore fishing, spearfishing, and diving.<sup>44</sup> Sergeant Enis was a pararescueman, an elite and highly trained rescue specialist, in the United States Air Force and was a member of the 308th Rescue Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.<sup>45</sup> In 2013, Sergeant Enis was named 920th Rescue Wing Airman of the Year and Air Force Reserve Command Pararescueman of the Year. On March 15, 2018, at the age of 31, Sergeant Enis was killed in a helicopter crash in western Iraq along with six others. He was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal with combat device.<sup>46</sup> Sergeant Enis embodied the Pararescue Creed: "These things we do, that others may live."<sup>47</sup>

---

<sup>39</sup> Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Gabriel Morris Fish*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/4861-deputy-gabriel-morris-fish> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>40</sup> Biography, *Christa McAuliffe*, <https://www.biography.com/scholars-educators/christa-mcauliffe> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>41</sup> *Id.*

<sup>42</sup> Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School, *About Our School*, <https://www.mccarthyhigh.net/about/> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>43</sup> *Id.*

<sup>44</sup> Bevis Funeral Home, *Obituary for Staff Sgt. Carl Enis*, <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/Carl-Enis#!/Obituary> (last visited May 9, 2023).

<sup>45</sup> Find a Grave, *SSGT Carl Phillippe Enis*, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/188082461/carl-phillippe-enis> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>46</sup> *Id.*

<sup>47</sup> Bevis Funeral Home, *supra* note 44.

### Lewis Bear, Jr.

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 289/North Ninth Avenue between S.R. 196/Bayfront Parkway and U.S. 90/East Cervantes Street in Escambia County as "Lewis Bear, Jr., Memorial Highway."

Lewis Bear Jr. was a businessman, philanthropist, and lifelong resident of Pensacola, Florida, and one of the leading forces behind many of the region's economic development initiatives.<sup>48</sup> Bear's great-grandfather opened a wholesale grocery store in 1876, eventually evolving into grocery and beer distribution. In 1965, Bear joined the company and assumed the role of President and CEO in 1985. Today, the Lewis Bear Company is the oldest, continuously family-owned Anheuser Busch wholesale distributor in the world, and it is the oldest privately held corporation in Florida.<sup>49</sup> Bear served on multiple non-profit boards in the community, and since 2002 the Bear Family Foundation has awarded millions of dollars in grants to more than 118 local non-profit or charitable causes. Bear passed away March 3, 2023, at the age of 82.<sup>50</sup>

### Lois D. Martin

The bill designates the portion of Glades Road between Dixie Highway and Federal Highway in the Pearl City Neighborhood of Boca Raton in Palm Beach County as "Lois D. Martin Way."

Lois D. Martin was born on September 23, 1928, in Boca Raton, Florida, and returned in 1950 to teach mathematics. In addition to a nearly forty-year career as an educator, Martin was actively involved in her community including secretary to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, vice chairman for the Housing Authority, and a long-term member of the Boca Raton Historic Preservation Board.<sup>51</sup> Ms. Martin passed away on January 9, 2022, at the age of 93.<sup>52</sup>

### Perry Lovell

The bill revises the 1991 honorary designation of the "Armand Keith Lovell Memorial Highway" to read "Armand and Perry Lovell Memorial Highway."

Perry Bryan Lowell Jr. moved to Ocala, Florida, as a young child and lived there until his death on February 20, 2022, at the age of 89. Perry was the co-owner, with his brother Armand Lovell, of Lovell Brothers Auto Parts, covering seven counties in north central Florida from 1956-1991.<sup>53</sup> The portion of S.R. 40 was previously designated as "Armand Keith Lovell Memorial Highway" in 1991, following Armand Lovell's death, in recognition of his service to the community of Ocala.<sup>54</sup>

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

### **A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

1. Revenues:  
None.
2. Expenditures:

---

<sup>48</sup> Kevin Robinson and Jim Little, *Lewis Bear Jr., one of Pensacola's biggest philanthropists and political powers, has died at 82*, Pensacola News Journal (March 3, 2023), <https://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/pensacola/2023/03/03/lewis-bear-jr-died-in-pensacola-after-career-at-lewis-bear-company/69925620007/> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>49</sup> Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel, *Lewis Bear, Jr. Obituary*, <https://www.harpermorrismemorialchapel.com/obituary/lewis-bear-jr> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>50</sup> Kevin Robinson and Jim Little, *supra* note 46.

<sup>51</sup> The History Makers, *Lois Martin*, <https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/lois-martin-39> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>52</sup> Boca Helping Hands, *Mourning the Loss of a Community Pillar*, <https://www.bocahelpinghands.org/blog/lois> (last visited May 3, 2023).

<sup>53</sup> Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, *Obituary of Perry Bryan Lovell*, <https://hiers-baxley.com/tribute/details/255570/Perry-Lovell/obituary.html> (last visited Mar. 31, 2023).

<sup>54</sup> Ch. 91-315, Laws of Fla.

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,480 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$740 per sign.<sup>55</sup> Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$34,040 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.<sup>56</sup>

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:  
None.

2. Expenditures:  
None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:  
None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:  
None.

---

<sup>55</sup> Email from Amanda Marsh, Legislative Programs Office, Florida Department of Transportation, RE: FDOT Memorial Roadway Designation Sign Estimate (Dec. 28, 2022).

<sup>56</sup> *Id.*