

# FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## BILL ANALYSIS

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**BILL #:** [HB 885](#)

**TITLE:** Transportation Facility Designations/State Representative/Circuit Judge Hon. John J. Crews, Jr., Memorial Highway

**SPONSOR(S):** Brannan

**Committee References**

[Economic Infrastructure](#)

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**COMPANION BILL:** None

**LINKED BILLS:** None

**RELATED BILLS:** None

[Commerce](#)



## SUMMARY

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

The bill designates the portion of U.S. 90 between the intersection of North 3rd Street in Baker County and the Nassau County line as "State Representative/Circuit Judge Hon. John J. Crews, Jr., Memorial Highway" and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers for the designation.

### **Fiscal or Economic Impact:**

The bill will have an insignificant impact on state government expenditures.

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### **EFFECT OF THE BILL:**

The bill requires FDOT to erect suitable markers to designate the portion of U.S. 90 between the intersection of North 3rd Street in Baker County and the Nassau County line as "State Representative/Circuit Judge Hon. John J. Crews, Jr., Memorial Highway." (Section [1](#)).

### **FISCAL OR ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

#### STATE GOVERNMENT:

The bill will have an insignificant negative impact on state government expenditures. In 2025, FDOT estimated a cost of \$2,400 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$1,200 per sign.<sup>1</sup> This cost can be absorbed within existing FDOT resources.

## RELEVANT INFORMATION

### **SUBJECT OVERVIEW:**

#### **Legislative Designation of Transportation Facilities**

The Legislature may designate a transportation facility, such as a bridge or a 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 facilities and may not require local governments or private parties to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listing.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Email from Jack Rogers, Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Transportation, RE: Road Designations Review (Feb. 13, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> [S. 334.071\(1\), F.S.](#)

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Unless specifically provided by law, public facilities such as roads, bridges, and other similar facilities may not be named for any living person.<sup>3</sup>

### **Transportation Facility Markers**

Following a legislative designation, FDOT is required to place markers at the termini or intersections specified for each highway segment or bridge designated and may place other markers it deems as appropriate.<sup>4</sup> Before markers may be erected, the appropriate city or county commission must pass a resolution in support of the particular honorary designation. If the designated bridge or road segment is located in more than one city or county, there must be resolutions supporting the designation from each affected local government before markers may be erected.<sup>5</sup>

### **State Representative/Circuit Judge Hon. John J. Crews, Jr., Memorial Highway**

The Hon. John J. Crews Jr. served his country in World War II as a Marine Corps Fighter Pilot before serving the state of Florida as a state representative for Baker County in the Florida House of Representatives for 14 years from 1953 to 1966, including a stint as acting Speaker of the House. Crews was also a renowned lawyer who served as the Chief Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida.

### **BILL HISTORY**

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<a href="#">Economic Infrastructure</a>	17 Y, 0 N	1/20/2026	Keating	Dallas
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<sup>3</sup> [S. 267.062\(1\), F.S.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [S. 334.071\(2\), F.S.](#)

<sup>5</sup> [S. 334.071\(3\), F.S.](#)