

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/CS/HB 29

Road Designations

SPONSOR(S): Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee; Bemby

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1698

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Miller
2)	Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee	14 Y, 0 N, As CS	Fennell	Creamer
3)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council	12 Y, 0 N, As CS	Johnson	Tinker
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The bill designates that portion of U.S. Highway 90 within the boundaries of the Town of Greenville in Madison County as the “Ray Charles Memorial Parkway”, that portion of State Road 51 between U.S. Highway 19 at Tennille and the Dixie County line in Taylor County is designated as “Deputy Victor ‘Skip’ J. McDonald Memorial Highway”, that portion of U.S. Highway 19 between Slaughter Road and Harrison Blue Road in Taylor County as “Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell Memorial Highway”, that portion of Bird Road, S.W. 40th Street, between S.W. 89th Avenue and S.W. 92nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Frank Pasquarella Way”; that portion of Bird Road, S.W. 40th Street, between S.W. 87th Avenue and S.W. 89th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Bob Arbetter’s Way”; that portion of US 19/27A/98, SR 55 between NE 170th Street and the Taylor County Line in Dixie County as the “Chad Allen Reed, Sr. Memorial Highway”; and the bridge on U.S. Highway 19/98 at the Cross Florida Barge Canal as the “Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith Memorial Bridge.”

The bill also directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for each designated road.

This cost is insignificant and can be absorbed within the Department of Transportation’s existing budget.

The bill does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Effect of Proposed Change

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The bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

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| Section 1 | Designates the "Ray Charles Memorial Parkway;" requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 2 | Designates the "Deputy Victor 'Skip' J. McDonald Memorial Highway"; requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 3 | Designates the "Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell Memorial Highway"; requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 4 | Designates the "Frank Pasquarella Way"; requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 5 | Designates the "Bob Arbetter's Way"; requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 6 | Designates the "Chad Allen Reed, Sr. Memorial Highway"; requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 7 | Designates the "Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith Memorial Bridge"; requires DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 8 | Provides an effective date. |

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

This cost is insignificant and can be absorbed within the Department of Transportation's existing budget.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Both Madison County and the Town of Greenville have adopted resolutions supporting the designation of the "Ray Charles Memorial Parkway." According to the resolutions, Ray Charles grew up in the Greenville area from a few months after his birth in 1930 until the 1940's.¹

Deputy Victor J. "Skip" McDonald" was a Taylor County Sheriff's Deputy who was killed in an automobile accident on August 4, 1974.

Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell of the Florida Highway Patrol was shot and killed in the line of duty on November 16, 1974.

Frank Pasquarella is the owner of Frankie's Pizza in Miami-Dade County, which has been in business since 1955.

Bob Arbetter is the original owner of Arbetter's Hot Dogs in Miami-Dade County, which has been in business since 1962.

Captain Chad Allen Reed, Sr., of the Dixie County Sheriff's Department was shot and killed in the line of duty on January 14, 2010.

Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith of the Florida Highway Patrol was shot and killed in the line of duty on December 23, 1973.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On January 12, 2010, the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee adopted two amendments and reported the bill favorably.

- Amendment 1 designates a portion of State Road 51 in Taylor County as the "Deputy Victor J. Skip McDonald Memorial Highway" and designates a portion of U.S. Highway 19 in Taylor County as the "Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell Memorial Highway."
- Amendment 2 designates a portion of Bird Road, S.W. 40th Street, in Miami-Dade County as "Frank Pasquarella Way" and a portion of Bird Road, S.W. 40th Street, in Miami-Dade County as "Bob Arbetter's Way."

On March 3, 2010, the Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council adopted two amendments and reported the bill favorably.

¹ Town of Greenville Resolution No. 030909 and Madison County Resolution 2009-04-01A.

- Amendment 1 designates the bridge in U.S. Highway 19/98 in Citrus County at the Cross Florida Barge Canal as the “Ronald Gordon Smith Bridge.”
- Amendment 2 designates US 19/27A/98, State Road 55 between NE 170th Street and the Taylor County Line in Dixie County as the “Chad Allen Reed, Sr., Memorial Highway.”