

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 908

INTRODUCER: Senator Dean

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: March 24, 2011 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Sookhoo	Spalla	TR	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. These designations are for honorary purposes only, and do not require changing of street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 listings. The bill designates the following roads as follows:

- U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592 Street/Chavous Road/ Kate Green Road and N.E. 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhou Chavous, Jr. Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 24 between County road 374 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy County is designated as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 27A/State Road 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and Town Court in Levy County is designated as “U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway.”

This bill creates undesignated sections of Florida Law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require 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; (2) 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; and (3) 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, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The effects of the bill are as follows:

Section 1: The bill designates U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Thomas Corbin, born in Old Town Dixie, lived in Cross City, served in the United States Army as a Specialist Fourth Class and was killed in action during the Vietnam War during a mission against the Viet Cong. He was awarded the Silver Star due to his dedication and commitment.

Section 2: The bill designates U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592 Street/Chavous Road/ Kate Green Road and N.E. 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr. Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Samuel Chavous Jr. was born in Cross City and served in the US Navy. He served in the US Navy in the Vietnam War and was killed in action. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Section 3: The bill designates State Road 24 between County road 374 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Lance Corporal Brian Buesing was born and raised in Cedar Key. He enlisted in the Marines and at the young age of 21 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was killed in action while trying to protect two fellow Marines. For his bravery and dedication, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Section 4: The bill designates U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy County is designated as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Army Sergeant Karl Campbell of Chiefland enlisted in the Army in 1995 and served as an infantryman until 2003. He re-enlisted in November 2009. Sergeant Campbell died from wounds suffered when insurgents in Afghanistan attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Section 5: The bill designates U.S. Highway 27A/State Road 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and Town Court in Levy County is designated as “U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Army Specialist James Page of Titusville died from an improvised explosive device at the young age of 23. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Section 6: The bill will take effect on July 1, 2011 if passed by the Legislature.

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 FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$4000 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designation. This is based on the assumption that ten markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 each, maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of sign as necessary.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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

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

None.

B. Amendments:

None.