

**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.)

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BILL: PCS/SB 114 (718938)

INTRODUCER: Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: February 3, 2016

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	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Eichin	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

PCS/SB 114 creates 29 honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers designating the transportation facilities. It also amends two previously enacted designations.

The expected fiscal impact is \$31,000.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring 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.<sup>1</sup>

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the 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.<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.<sup>3</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill creates 29 honorary transportation facility designations around the state and amends two previously enacted designations.

**Section 1** of the bill creates the following designations:

#### **Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge**

Upon completion of replacement construction, bridge number 380096 on U.S. 221/S.R. 55 over the Econfina River in Taylor County is designated as “Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge.”

Private First Class Joey Moody grew upon in Shady Grove on the Econfina River. He attended Shady Grove Grammar School and graduated from Taylor County High School before attending the University of Florida. On June 21, 1952, PFC Moody, serving in Korea, was one of three men sent into enemy fire to repair a crucial communications line and lost his life when a mortar round exploded. He was posthumously awarded the National Defense Medal, the Korean Combat Medal, the Korean Battle Medal, and the Purple Heart.

#### **Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand Memorial Highway**

The portion of S.R. 80 between Hickey Creek Road and Carter Lane in Lee County is designated as “Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand Memorial Highway.”

Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of the State of Florida for 16 years. On December 22, 1967, Corporal Bertrand was shot and killed while conducting a driving-under-the-influence investigation on State Road 80 in Fort Myers.

#### **Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas Memorial Highway**

The portion of Interstate 75/S.R. 93A between Fowler Avenue and Fletcher Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as “Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas Memorial Highway.”

Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of the State of Florida for 11 years. On June 9, 1989, Lieutenant Thomas was struck and killed by a passing car while walking back to his vehicle after investigating an abandoned vehicle on Interstate 75 in Tampa.

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

**Trooper Patrick Ambroise Memorial Highway**

The portion of the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike/S.R. 821 between mile marker 34 and mile marker 36 in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Trooper Patrick Ambroise Memorial Highway.”

Trooper Patrick Ambroise was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of the State of Florida for four years. On May 15, 2010, while parked in his patrol vehicle on the shoulder of northbound State Road 821, a passing vehicle veered onto the paved emergency shoulder and struck the left rear section of the patrol vehicle, killing Trooper Ambroise.

**SP4 Robert Clifford Millender Memorial Highway**

The portion of U.S. 98/S.R.30 between Ryan Drive/W. 11th Street and N.E./S.E. 12th Street in Franklin County is designated as “SP4 Robert Clifford Millender Memorial Highway.”

SP4 Robert Clifford Millender was inducted into the United States Army on August 7, 1968. After boot camp training, he was transferred to Vietnam, where he served for two months before being injured in a land mine explosion. He was returned to Walter Reed General Hospital and discharged from the Army on July 22, 1969. SP4 Millender died of his war-related injuries on January 14, 1970. He received the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

**Lauren F. Book Boulevard**

The portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 5/North Federal Highway between S.R. 842/Broward Boulevard and S.R. 838/Sunrise Boulevard in Broward County is designated as “Lauren F. Book Boulevard.”

Lauren F. Book is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Lauren’s Kids. Lauren’s Kids educates adults and children about sexual abuse prevention through in-school curricula, awareness campaigns, and speaking engagements around the country and the world. The organization also leads an annual, statewide awareness walk, called “Walk in My Shoes,” and provides more than seven million education and awareness materials statewide through direct mail every year.

**C.K. Steele Memorial Highway**

The portion of S.R. 371/373/Orange Avenue between S.R. 263/Capital Circle and S.R. 61/Monroe Street in Leon County is designated as “C.K. Steele Memorial Highway.”

In 1956, 38 year-old C.K. Steele moved to Tallahassee where he served as minister at the Bethel Baptist Church until his death in 1980. He organized a bus boycott in Tallahassee in 1956 after two black college students were arrested for sitting in the “whites only” section of a city bus, successfully integrating bus service in the community. He also worked to integrate Tallahassee’s schools, restaurants, theaters, and other public facilities. He became a national figure in the civil rights movement, helping to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and serving

as its vice-president. He participated in many national civil rights protests, including the famous march in Selma, Alabama.

### **Danny A. Pino Way**

The portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between N. Woodward Avenue and Wadsworth Street in Leon County is designated as “Danny A. Pino Way.”

Danny A. Pino was born in Miami-Dade County in 1995 and aspired to serving his country and becoming a professional baseball player. After playing baseball for the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Danny returned home to study at Florida International University, where he joined the ROTC and received his uniform on September 11, 2014. Danny was struck by a car while visiting Tallahassee and passed away on September 28, 2014. His final act was the donation of his organs to two boys, ages 7 and 12, and a 63-year-old man.

### **Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway**

The portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 15 between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C.R. 108 in Nassau County is designated as “Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway.”

Emmitt G. Coakley was a teacher, mentor, and principal in Nassau who retired after 30 years of service. He returned as a substitute teacher for an additional 23 years. He served his community in many ways, including 30 years on the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board and nine years on the Conditional Use and Variance Board. He was an active member of the Retired Teachers’ Association of Nassau County, Chairman of the Deacon Ministry of Second Baptist Church, and served his country as a member of the United States Army.

### **Potter’s Field Memorial Highway**

The portion of Interstate 95/S.R. 9 between West Broward Boulevard/S.R. 842 and West Sunrise Boulevard/S.R. 838 in Broward County is designated as “Potter’s Field Memorial Highway.”

In May of 2015, a news article reported at least 65 bodies buried beside Interstate 95 near Sunrise Boulevard in Broward County and that some unmarked graves may have been paved over when the highway was originally built.<sup>4</sup> The article reports in part:

The graves are in a potter’s field that was part of the five-acre Woodlawn Cemetery, established in the 1920s because blacks during segregation were not allowed to bury their loved ones in the main cemeteries.

The state now owns some of that land, which it uses as a right-of-way for the highway. Only a chain-link fence separates the neglected, decaying markers from the road.

The cemetery is eligible for listing with the National Register of Historic Places.

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<sup>4</sup> See the SunSentinel article: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-95-woodlawn-cemetery-20150524-story.html>. Last visited January 29, 2016.

The article quotes a county commissioner: “We need to ensure that there is some memorialization of what is there, a historic site that means a lot to a lot of people.”

### **Purple Heart Trail**

The portion of S.R. 60 between the Hillsborough County line and Mandalay Avenue in Pinellas County is designated as “Purple Heart Trail.”

The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail, according to the Purple Heart website, “is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. ... Signs placed at various locations annotate those roads and highways where legislation has been passed to designate parts of the national road system as The Purple Heart Trail.”<sup>5</sup>

### **Elizabeth Inez and Elijah Davis Highway**

The portion of S.R. 35/N.E. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue between C.R. 314/N.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and S.E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Marion County is designated as “Elizabeth Inez and Elijah Davis Highway.”

Elizabeth Inez Davis was a devoted children’s advocate and community leader in the Ocala area. She founded the Mount Canaan Community Youth Center. Ms. Davis passed away on December 6, 2002. Elijah Davis volunteered for over 60 years at the Mount Canaan Community Youth Center and still volunteers at the age of 102.<sup>6</sup>

### **Mary Ellen Hawkins Street**

The portion of Golden Gate Parkway between U.S. 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail and C.R. 851 in Collier County is designated as “Mary Ellen Hawkins Street.”

Mary Ellen Hawkins was Collier County’s first female state representative. She served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 to 1994 and subsequently remained active in promoting and improving her community.

### **Col. William W. Wood Memorial Highway**

The portion of S.R. 368 between U.S. 98/S.R. 30 and S.R. 390 in Bay County is designated as “Col. William W. Wood Memorial Highway.”

Col. William W. Wood was a regular United States Army Soldier assigned to the Army National Guard’s 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 184<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was a Lt. Colonel while directing security operations following an explosion when another bomb went off in Baghdad, Iraq. He died on October 27, 2005, leaving his wife and daughter, and was posthumously promoted to Colonel.

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<sup>5</sup> See *The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Purple Heart Trail Program*, available at <http://www.purpleheart.org/PHTrail/>. Last visited January 29, 2016.

<sup>6</sup> See the Ocala.com website article for additional information: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20150321/articles/150329938>. Last visited January 29, 2016.

**Deputy Scott Pine Way**

The portion of C.R. 435/Apopka Vineland Road between Old Winter Garden Road and C.R. 439/Conroy-Windermere Road in Orange County is designated as “Deputy Scott Pine Way.”

Deputy Scott Pine took his oath as Deputy Sheriff on May 23, 2011, promising to protect and defend the citizens of Orange County. He received the Deputy of the Month in 2014 and was encouraged to assist and mentor new assigned deputies. On February 11, 2014, Deputy Pine was working patrol on the midnight shift when he responded to a call of vehicle burglary. Upon arrival at the scene, Deputy Pine gave chase to a suspect, and the suspect shot Deputy Pine. He succumbed to his injuries, leaving his wife and three young children.

**Pat Frank Road**

The portion of East Street between East Twiggs Street and U.S. 41B/S.R. 60/East Kennedy Boulevard in Hillsborough County is designated as “Pat Frank Road.”

A former chair of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, and, currently, the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pat Frank is noted for her distinguished career in public service. Starting with her election to the Hillsborough County School Board – which she later chaired – voters then sent her to the Florida House of Representatives, followed by the Florida Senate for a decade. Lauded for her legislative service, she was the first woman to receive recognition as a House “Most Effective First Term Member” and, later, as “Most Respected Senator,” and has received over 50 awards for her public service and volunteer activities.

**Sandra Warshaw Freedman Street**

The portion of N. Franklin Street between East Twiggs Street and U.S. 41B/S.R. 60/East Kennedy Boulevard in Hillsborough County is designated as “Sandra Warshaw Freedman Street.”

On July 16, 1986, Sandra Warshaw Freedman became Tampa’s first woman mayor and broke a glass ceiling by appointing many minorities and women to top management positions in city government. She also organized Tampa’s first march against hate crimes and banned city employees from using racist, sexist, and religious slurs.

**Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard**

The portion of Davis Boulevard between Adalia Avenue and Adriatic Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as “Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard.”

Helen Gordon Davis was born in New York City and moved to Tampa in 1948. In 1952, she was the first white woman in Florida to join the NAACP. Ms. Davis founded Florida’s first women’s center in 1971, and in 1974, she was the first woman elected from Hillsborough County to the Florida House of Representatives. She was reelected for six consecutive terms and, in 1988, was

elected to the Florida Senate. Ms. Davis served as a Florida legislator for almost two decades and she championed the civil rights of women and minorities.

### **Francisco Rodriguez Avenue**

The portion of North Willow Avenue between West Cypress Street and West Cass Street in Hillsborough County is designated as “Francisco Rodriguez Avenue.”

The son of a Cuban cigar maker, Francisco Rodriguez was a key organizer in the Civil Rights Movement in the late 1950’s. Prior to becoming a prominent civil rights attorney, Mr. Rodriguez was a school teacher and a U.S. Marine, barred from officer training because of his skin color (though he still applied). He later became a leader with the NAACP and led the fight in the courts to end segregation in Hillsborough County’s schools, parks, and other public facilities.

### **Olympian Theresa Manuel Way**

The portion of N. Garcia Avenue between W. Palm Avenue and W. Ross Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as “Olympian Theresa Manuel Way.”

Theresa Manuel was a National AAU Junior 80-meter hurdles champion and was a member of the Junior 400-meter relay team that won the championship. She held the National AAU Senior 50-meter hurdles championship in which she set a new indoor record in Chicago on April 24, 1948. She was a member of the United States 1948 Olympic Team.

### **Vyrle Davis Avenue**

The portion of U.S. 19A/S.R. 595/5th Avenue North between 25th Street North and 28th Street North in Pinellas County is designated as “Vyrle Davis Avenue.”

Vyrle Davis was St. Petersburg High School’s first black principal, later becoming the county’s first black area superintendent. He founded the Ebony Scholars program in 1984, which has awarded high-achieving black students more than \$500,000 in scholarships. He founded COQUEB and AVEREC, which advocate for quality education of black students and voter education, respectively.

### **Trooper Patrick Ambrose Memorial Highway**

The portion of the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike/S.R. 821 between mile marker 34 and mile marker 36 in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Trooper Patrick Ambrose Memorial Highway.”

Trooper Patrick Ambrose was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol who served the citizens of the State of Florida for four years. On May 15, 2010, while parked in his patrol vehicle on the shoulder of northbound State Road 821, a passing vehicle veered onto the paved emergency shoulder and struck the left rear section of the patrol vehicle, killing Trooper Ambrose.

**Lee Klein Way**

The portion of S.R. 973/87th Avenue between S.R. 94/Kendall Drive and S.W. 92nd Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Lee Klein Way.”

Lee Klein began her career as a volunteer charity worker for children’s causes in 1956 and, in 1965, founded what is now known as the Children’s Cancer Caring Center. Ms. Klein serves as the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board, and as Patient Program Director of the Center. She has received numerous awards for her work on behalf of children with cancer.

**Sergeant Marvin L. Roberts Memorial Highway**

The portion of S.R. 19 between S.R. 50 and C.R. 478/Cherry Lake Road in Lake County is designated as “Sergeant Marvin L. Roberts Memorial Highway.

Sergeant Roberts graduated in 1942 from Groveland High School in Groveland, Florida. He married his high school sweetheart before enlisting in the U.S. Army in February 1943. He lost his life fighting in the Battle of the Bulge on January 15, 1945. He was honored, among other recognitions, with the Invasion Bronze Arrow-Head, Bronze Star, two Presidential Unit Citations, and the Purple Heart.

**John Jacob ‘JJ’ Curry Memorial Highway**

The portion of U.S. 17/S.R. 15 between Golden Hills Boulevard and Lake Winona Road in Volusia County is designated as “John Jacob ‘JJ’ Curry Memorial Highway.”

John Jacob “JJ” Curry was a 30-year old firefighter in Volusia County, having received his Emergency Medical Technician certified in March of 2006 and completing his Certificate of Compliance in Fire Standards and Training in September of 2006. Firefighters were practicing with chainsaws on November 27, 2007, when a tree fell on him. Emergency responders were unable to save him. Married and the father of two, he had been a member of the fire department for just ten months.

**Nona and Popa Road**

The portion of the San Juan Street Extension in Anastasia State Park between Santander Street and Park Road in St. John County is designated as “Nona and Popa Road.”

This designation is in honor of all grandmothers and grandfathers who take grandchildren to state parks.

**Irene U. Hooper Memorial Bridges**

The pair of bridges (Nos. 900110 and 900111) over Pine Channel on U.S. 1/S.R. 5 in Monroe County are designated as the “Irene U. Hooper Memorial Bridges.”

In 1966, Irene U. Hooper began her life-long leadership and service developing “Seacamp,” a year round, non-profit marine science camp and educational facility located on Big Pine Key.



Today, campers 12 – 17 years old continue to enjoy numerous activities in marine science education. From 1968 to 1971, she successfully spearheaded the effort to earn Aquatic Preserve designation for Coupon Bight in the Florida Keys. Over the years, her leadership and service earned her numerous recognitions, including but not limited to, the national Take Pride in America Award in 1986, the Florida Governor’s Environmental Education Award in 1993, the League of Environmental Educators in Florida Founders Award for Education Leadership in 1996.

### **Stanley G. Tate Boulevard**

The portion of S.R. 922 from N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to the North Miami city limits in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Stanley G. Tate Boulevard.”

Stanley G. Tate has been a North Miami business owner for over 30 years. He has been actively involved in both civic and charitable organizations and devoted extensive time to service on various boards and organizations. He has been honored multiple times for his service, including the Arete Award for Volunteer Advocate of the Year.

### **Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard**

The portion of Miami Avenue between N.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. 41/S.R. 90/S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard.”

Robert L. Shevin was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1964 and served in the Florida Senate from 1966 to 1970. He served as Florida’s Attorney General from 1971-1979. In 1996, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Third District Court of Appeal, where he served with distinction until early 2005. He passed away on July 11, 2005.

The bill directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers for each of the described designations.

**Section 2** of the bill revises a previously enacted designation, the “Broad Causeway” in Miami-Dade County, to the “Shepard Broad Causeway.” The Broad Causeway was designated in honor of Shepard Broad, the founder of Bay Harbor Islands. The Town of Bay Harbor Islands and the Miami-Dade County Commission have requested the designation be revised to reflect his full name.

**Section 3** of the bill also revises a previously enacted designation, “Larcenia Bullard Way,” to “Senator Larcenia J. Bullard Way,” in honor of the late Senator Bullard.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2016.

**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 estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$31,000. This is based on the assumption that two markers are required for each designation for a total of 62 signs at a cost of no less than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time, as well as revising the text on the signs for the two amended designations, but does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, dedication event costs, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

The FDOT advises the following designations are not located on the State Highway System:

- Mary Ellen Hawkins Street;
- Deputy Scott Pine Way;
- Pat Frank Road;
- Sandra Warshaw Freedman Street;
- Helen Gordon Davis Boulevard;

- Francisco Rodriguez Avenue;
- Olympian Theresa Manuel Way;
- Nona and Popa Road; and
- Robert L. Shevin Memorial Boulevard;

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates three undesignated sections of Florida law.

**IX. Additional Information:**

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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