

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: SB 114

INTRODUCER: Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: February 3, 2016

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Eichin	TR	Pre-meeting
2.			FP	

I. Summary:

SB 114 creates eight honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers designating the transportation facilities.

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.¹

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.²

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.³

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates eight honorary transportation facility designations around the state as follows:

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.

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.

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

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 \$8,000. This is based on the assumption that two markers are required for each designation for a total of 16 signs at a cost of no less than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time 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:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates an undesignated section 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.

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