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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to designation of facilities 3 and structures; designating a specified bridge in Fort Lauderdale the "E. Clay Shaw, Jr., 4 5 Bridge"; designating a specified portion of highway in Fort Lauderdale the "Commodore Brook б 7 Memorial Causeway"; providing an effective 8 date. 9 10 WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., has represented Fort 11 Lauderdale and Broward County, serving with distinction in the 12 U.S. House of Representatives since 1981, and in this capacity 13 has authored the welfare reform act, helped obtain funding for 14 Interstate 595, increased funding for U.S. Customs for drug-interdiction and surveillance activities, secured funding 15 16 for restoration projects for the Everglades, and worked diligently to obtain federal funding for the new 17th Street 17 Causeway Bridge, and 18 WHEREAS, Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr., is a native 19 20 Floridian, and he and his family have made their home in Fort Lauderdale for over 30 years, and 21 22 WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., has served the City of Fort Lauderdale with distinction, beginning in 1968 as Assistant 23 City Attorney, Chief City Prosecutor, and Associate Municipal 24 Judge; as City Commissioner from 1971 to 1973; as Vice Mayor 25 26 from 1973 to 1975; and as Mayor from 1975 to 1980, and 27 WHEREAS, during his years of service on the Fort 28 Lauderdale City Commission, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., assured the 29 preservation of the beauty of the city by establishing the tree ordinance, the sign ordinance, and the first city 30 31 beautification board, and

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1 WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., chaired the blue ribbon 2 general obligation bond committee whose efforts led to strong 3 community support for funding the revitalization of Fort Lauderdale Beach, development of Riverwalk, initiation of 4 5 neighborhood enhancements, construction assistance for the 6 Museum of Discovery and Science, and improvements to the 7 International Swimming Hall of Fame, and 8 WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., was recognized with the Downtowner of the Year Award for his contribution to the 9 revitalization of downtown Fort Lauderdale, and 10 11 WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., has spent a majority of his 12 adult life serving the people of Fort Lauderdale, ensuring 13 their quality of life and that of future generations, and 14 WHEREAS, Commodore Avylen Harcourt Brook has made 15 significant contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and 16 to the state, and 17 WHEREAS, Commodore Brook helped found the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 18 19 Club, and 20 WHEREAS, Commodore Brook led the push to open the 21 city's first municipal swimming pool, which became the 22 International Swimming Hall of Fame, and WHEREAS, Commodore Brook helped set up, and was the 23 Chairman of, the city's Planning and Zoning Board, and 24 25 WHEREAS, Commodore Brook was Chairman of the Inland 26 Navigation District, and 27 WHEREAS, Commodore Brook championed the free use of the 28 Intracoastal Waterway and coined the designation of the City 29 of Fort Lauderdale as "the Venice of America," NOW, THEREFORE, 30 31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 2

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Section 1. The bridge crossing the Intracoastal Waterway on State Road A1A/Southeast 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale is designated the E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Bridge, and that portion of State Road AlA/Southeast 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale between Harbor Heights Drive and Seabreeze Boulevard is designated the Commodore Brook Memorial Causeway. б Section 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect appropriate markers designating the E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Bridge and the Commodore Brook Memorial Causeway. Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Designates the Southeast 17th Street Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in Fort Lauderdale the E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Bridge, and designates that portion of Southeast 17th Street between Harbor Heights Drive and Seabreeze Boulevard the Commodore Brook Memorial Causeway. 

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