

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 43
SPONSOR(S): Spratt
TIED BILLS:

RELATING TO: Bridge designations
IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
(1) <u>TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (SUB)</u>	_____	<u>PUGH</u>	<u>MILLER</u>
(2) <u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	_____	_____	_____
(3) <u>TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS (SUB)</u>	_____	_____	_____
(4) <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	_____	_____	_____
(5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., explains the process for the Legislature to designate roads, bridges and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes.

HB 43 designates the following two bridges:

- The new U.S. Highway 27 bridge in the city of Moore Haven in Glades County is designated the "Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge," and
- The old Nassau Sound Bridge on State Road 105 in Nassau and Duval counties is designated the "George Crady Bridge."

The bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers at either end of the bridges, noting the designations.

HB 43 has an estimated initial fiscal impact of \$1,600 to FDOT for producing and installing the markers.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a “no” above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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 erase the current names of the facilities, nor do they require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings. The statute requires FDOT to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

Based on FDOT records, 969 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

HB 43 would create two honorary legislative designations. The new U.S. Highway 27 bridge in the city of Moore Haven in Glades County will be designated the “Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge,” while the old Nassau Sound Bridge (bridge number 750055) on State Road 105, in Nassau and Duval counties, will be designated the “George Crady Bridge.”

Langdale was a bridge tender for the old U.S. 27 bridge over the Caloosahatchee River in Moore Haven. The designation of the new bridge in Langdale’s honor is supported by the Moore Haven City Commission and the Glades County Commission.

Crady of Yulee served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1977 until 2000.

FDOT estimates the cost of each marker is \$400. A marker is placed at either end of each designated bridge or roadway, which means the estimated fiscal impact of HB 43 is \$1,600.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

- Section 1: Designates the new U.S. Highway 27 bridge in Glades County the “Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge.”
- Section 2: Designates the old Nassau Sound Bridge on State Road 105 in Nassau and Duval counties as the “George Crady Bridge.”
- Section 3: Specifies this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues: None.
2. Expenditures: See "D. FISCAL COMMENTS" below.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues: None.
2. Expenditures: None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

Not applicable.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

FDOT estimates the cost of each marker at \$400, so for four markers, the total estimated expenditure from the State Transportation Trust Fund is \$1,600 in FY 03-04. FDOT also will be responsible for any future maintenance and replacement costs, of an indeterminate amount.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision

Not applicable.

2. Other

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT does not need additional rulemaking authority in order to implement HB 43.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Not applicable.