HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: SPONSOR(S):	HB 555 w/CS Brutus	Road designations						
TIED BILLS:	IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1326							
	REFERENCE		ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR			
1) Transportation Systems (Sub)			9 Y, 0 N	PUGH	MILLER			
2) Transportation			21 Y, 0 N w/CS	PUGH	MILLER			
3) Transportation & Economic Dev. Apps. (Sub)			13 Y, 0 N	Hawkins	Hawkins			
4) Appropriations								
5)								

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies that the Legislature may designate roads, bridges and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes.

HB 555 with CS designates portions of roadways within Miami-Dade County in honor of eight persons. They are:

- State Road 944 on N.W. 54th Street from the western boundary of State House District 108 to U.S. 1 is designated as "Jean-Jacques Dessalines Boulevard."
- State Road 922 on N.W. 125th Street from N.W. 7th Avenue to Griffing Boulevard is designated as "Toussaint L'Ouverture Boulevard."
- State Road 915 on N.E. 6th Avenue from the northern boundary of State House District 108 to U.S. 1 is designated as "Frederick Douglass Boulevard."
- State Road 909 on West Dixie Highway from the northern boundary of House District 108 to N.E. 2nd Avenue is designated as "Alexandre Petion Boulevard."
- Designates State Road 7 on N.W. 7th Avenue (U.S. 441), from the northern boundary of State House District 108 to its southern boundary, as "Lawton Chiles Boulevard."
- Designates State Road 5 on Biscayne Boulevard (U.S. 1), from the northern boundary of State House District 108 to its southern boundary, as "George Gill Boulevard."
- Designates State Road 932 on N.W. 103rd Street, from the western boundary of State House District 108 to N.E. 6th Avenue as "James Weldon Johnson Boulevard."
- Designates Northwest 183rd Street from Northwest 32nd Avenue to Northwest 47th Avenue as "T. Stewart Greer Boulevard."

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers at either end of each roadway to denote the honorary designations. The markers will cost FDOT approximately \$6,400.

HB 555 with CS does not raise any apparent constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming a law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

1.	Reduce government?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
2.	Lower taxes?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
3.	Expand individual freedom?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
4.	Increase personal responsibility?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
5.	Empower families?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]

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 555 with CS adds eight more designations:

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The bill also directs FDOT to erect suitable markers conveying these designations.

HB 555 with CS takes effect upon becoming a law.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "Jean-Jacques Dessalines Boulevard."

Section 2: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "Toussaint L'Ouverture Boulevard."

Section 3: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "Frederick Douglass Boulevard".

Section 4: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "Alexandre Petion Boulevard."

Section 5: Create honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "Lawton Chiles Boulevard."

Section 6: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "George Gill Boulevard."

Section 7: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "James Weldon Johnson Boulevard."

Section 8: Creates honorary designation of a road in Miami-Dade County as "T.Stewart Greer Boulevard."

Section 9: Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates the cost of each marker at \$400, so for 16 markers, the total estimated expenditure from the State Transportation Trust Fund is \$6,400 in FY 03-04. FDOT also will be responsible for any future maintenance and replacement costs, of an indeterminate amount.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
 - 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. HB 555 with CS does not affect municipal or county governments.

2. Other:

HB 555 with CS does not appear to raise any constitutional problems.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient existing rule-making authority to implement HB 555 with CS.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

At its March 12 meeting, the Transportation Committee adopted without objection one amendment offered by the bill sponsor. That amendment deleted the proposed honorary designation of "Stanley Whitman Boulevard." The Committee then voted 21-0 in favor of the bill with a Committee Substitute.