

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 552
SPONSOR: Transportation Committee and Senator Dawson
SUBJECT: Highway designations
DATE: March 17, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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I. Summary:

This CS designates the Skypass Bridge (bridge # 930470) in the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County as the “L.E. Buie Memorial Bridge.” Also, this CS directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) For legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require 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; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, 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; and (3) 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.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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Ms. Louise Elizabeth Baker Buie was born in Dorchester, Georgia on April 3, 1914 and moved to

West Palm Beach where her family relocated in 1925. She was a faithful servant at Roanoke Baptist Church. Ms. Buie joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1932, becoming president of the Palm Beach County Branch in 1954 and holding that position for 14 years after first holding the position of Assistant Secretary. As a member of the board, she became a force to be reckoned with and an inspiration to everyone as a result of her life work to better the lives of those around her in fighting against discrimination and for integration in her hometown of Riviera Beach and all of Palm Beach County. She is widely regarded as the mother of the civil rights movement in Palm Beach County.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$800 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designation. This is based on the assumption that two markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. The department will also have to pay the recurring cost of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
