

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/CS/HB 839 Road and Bridge Designations
SPONSOR(S): Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council; Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee; Grimsley and others
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee	14 Y, 0 N, As CS	Johnson	Miller
2) Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council	14 Y, 0 N, As CS	Johnson	Tinker
3)			
4)			
5)			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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 “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The bill provides the following road designations:

- “Kenneth H. ‘Buddy’ MacKay and Jim H. Williams Bridge” in Marion County.
- “Michael G. Rippe Parkway” in Lee County.
- “Doolittle Raiders Highway” in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.
- “The Beach Highway” in Walton County.
- “Seminole Way” in Seminole County.
- “Judge Perry Wells Highway” in Washington County.
- “Vernon Bridge” in Washington County.
- “Richard Raczkoski Memorial Highway” in Indian-River County.
- “Cpl Christopher Lee Poole, Jr. Memorial Highway” in Lake County.
- “SGT. Frederico G. Borjas Memorial Highway” in Lake County.
- “Johnny C. Treadwell Memorial Highway” in Lake County.
- “Army Sergeant Daniel L. McCall Memorial Highway” in Santa Rosa County.
- “Doctor Thomas Eliot ‘Doc Tommy’ Mc.Bride Road” in Orange County.
- “Senator Mel Martinez Street” in Orange County.
- “Herbert Lee Simon Avenue” in Miami-Dade County.
- “K. Earl Durden Highway” in Bay County.
- “Otis Beckford Memorial Highway” in Marion County.
- “Blue Star Memorial Highway” in Hillsborough County.

The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of these road designations.

DOT estimates that the cost to erect 36 suitable road designating markers is approximately \$14,400; this assumes the placement of a marker at each end of each designated road segment. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund and includes installation and maintenance costs.

The bill does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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 "officially" change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Effect of Proposed Change

The bill provides the following road designations:

- The bridge on S.W. 17th Street between 12th Avenue and S. Pine Avenue in the City of Ocala in Marion County as the "Kenneth H. 'Buddy' MacKay and Jim H. Williams Bridge."
- State Road 739 in Lee County between Six Mile Cypress Parkway and U.S. Highway 41/Alico Road, known as the Metro Parkway Extension as the "Michael G. Rippe Parkway."¹
- State Road 285 in between College Boulevard in Okaloosa County and U.S. Highway 90 in Walton County as the "Doolittle Raiders Highway."
- U.S. Highway 331 between the Alabama State Line and U.S. Highway 98 that includes the incorporated area of Walton Highway as "The Beach Highway."
- State Road 417 between Interstate 4 and the Seminole County as "Seminole Way."
- U.S. Highway 90/State Road 10/Jackson Avenue in Washington County as "Judge Perry Wells Highway."
- "Bridge numbers 610147 and 610146 on State Road 79 north of the City of Vernon in Washington County as "Vernon Bridge."²

¹ This designation is upon the completion of the road.

- State Road 60 between 43rd Avenue in Vero Beach and Interstate 95 in Indian River County as “Richard Raczkoski Memorial Highway.”
- Old U.S. Highway 441 in the City of Mount Dora between County Road 19A and Alexander Street in Lake County as “Cpl. Christopher Lee Poole, Jr. Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 44 East of the City of Eustis between County Road 44 and County Road 439 in Lake County as “SGT Federico G. Borjas Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 46 near Sorrento between Round Lake Road and County Road 437 in Lake County as “Johnny C. Treadwell Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 90 between Avalon Boulevard in the City of Pace in Santa Rosa County as “Army Sergeant Daniel L. McCall Memorial Highway.”
- County Road 435 between Kelly Park Road and Clarcona-Ocee Road in Orange County as “Doctor Thomas Eliot ‘Doc Tommy’ McBride Road.”
- E. Robinson Street between Interstate 4 and Maguire Boulevard/N. Crystal Lake Drive in Orange County as “Senator Mel Martinez Street.”
- S.W. 27th Avenue, State Road 9, between S.W. 22nd Street and U.S. Highway 1 in the City of Miami in Miami-Dade County as “Herbert Lee Simon Avenue.”
- State Road 79 between U.S. Highway 98 and B.V. Buchanan Bridge in West Bay in Bay County as “K. Earl Durden Highway.”
- State Road 200 between the Marion/Citrus County Line and County Road 484 in Marion County as the “Otis Beckford Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 674 between U.S. Highway 301/State Road 43 and Interstate 75/State Road 93A in Hillsborough County as “Blue Star Memorial Highway.”³

The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of these road designations.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2010.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

- | | |
|------------|---|
| Section 1 | Designates the “Kenneth H. ‘Buddy’ Mackay and Jim H. Williams Bridge;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 2 | Designates the “Michael G. Rippe Parkway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 3 | Designates the “Doolittle Raiders Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 4 | Designates “The Beach Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 5 | Designates “Seminole Way;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 6 | Designates “Judge Perry Wells Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 7 | Designates “Vernon Bridge;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 8 | Designates “Richard Raczkoski Memorial Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 9 | Designates “Cpl. Christopher Lee Poole, Jr. Memorial Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |
| Section 10 | Designates “SGT Federico G. Borjas Memorial Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers. |

² This designation is upon completion of construction.

³ Section 335.091, F.S., authorizes the head of DOT, in cooperation with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs to designate certain roads as Blue Star Memorial Highways.

- Section 11 Designates "Johnny C. Treadwell Memorial Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 12 Designates "Army Sergeant Daniel L. McCall Memorial Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 13 Designates "Doctor Thomas Eliot 'Doc Tommy' McBride Road;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 14 Designates "Senator Mel Martinez Street;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 15 Designates "Herbert Lee Simon Avenue;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 16 Designates "K. Earl Durden Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 17 Designates "Otis Beckford Memorial Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 18 Designates "Blue Star Memorial Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 19 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

DOT estimates that the cost to erect 34 suitable road designating markers is approximately \$13,600; this assumes the placement of a marker at each end of each designated road segment. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund and includes installation and maintenance costs.

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 because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Buddy MacKay is a former Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Florida.

Jim Williams is a former Lieutenant Governor of Florida.

The Doolittle raiders were involved in the bombing of Tokyo during World War II, and planned and practiced for their mission at Eglin Air Force Base.

Michael G. Rippe was DOT's Director of the Southwest Area Office and later the District Director of Transportation Development for District 1.

Judge Perry Wells is a former judge Washington County judge and businessman.

Richard Raczkoski was an Indian River County Deputy Sheriff who was killed in the line of duty on September 23, 1986.

Cpl. Christopher Lee Poole, Jr. was a Eustis native who was killed in Iraq on September 6, 2007.

SGT. Federico G. Borjas was an Army Reserve Sergeant who was killed in Afghanistan on October 16, 2008.

Johnny C. Treadwell owned a grocery store and several other businesses in Sorrento, in Lake County. He passed away in 2004.

Army Sergeant Daniel McCall, from Pace, was killed in Iraq on October 30, 2010.

Doctor Thomas E. "Doc Tommy" McBride was a long time physician in the Apopka area.

Senator Mel Martinez is a former United States Senator from Florida and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. He was the first Cuban-American to serve in the United States Senate.

Herbert Lee Simon was a realtor and three time president of the Miami Board of Realtors. He passed away in 2009.

K. Earl Durden is Chairman, CEO and a Director of Durden Enterprises II, Inc. and Chairman of Magic Broadcasting, LLC. He also served as Chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission.

Otis Beckford was killed in a workplace shooting in Orlando on November 6, 2009.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 10, 2010, the Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee adopted nine amendments to the bill and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The amendments revised the language in the "Doolittle Raiders Highway" designation and created the following designations:

- Seminole Way
- Judge Perry Wells Highway
- Vernon Bridge
- Richard Raczkoski Memorial Highway

- Cpl Christopher Lee Poole, Jr. Memorial Highway
- SGT. Frederico G. Borjas Memorial Highway
- Johnny C. Treadwell Memorial Highway
- Army Sergeant Daniel L. McCall Memorial Highway
- Doctor Thomas Eliot "Doc Tommy" McBride Road
- Herbert Lee Simon Avenue
- K. Earl Durden Highway
- Otis Beckford Memorial Highway
- Blue Star Memorial Highway

On April 7, 2010, the Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council adopted one amendment and reported the bill favorably as a council substitute. The amendment designates Senator Mel Martinez Street.