

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Transportation Committee

BILL: CS/SB 274

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Lynn

SUBJECT: Road Designations/Veterans Memorial Highway

DATE: March 29, 2011 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Sookhoo	Spalla	TR	Fav/CS
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

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| A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statement of Substantial Changes |
| B. AMENDMENTS..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | Technical amendments were recommended |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Significant amendments were recommended |

I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. These designations are for honorary purposes only, and do not require changing of street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 listings. The bill designates the following roads as follows:

- State Road 19 in Putnam County between U.S. Highway 17 (State Road 15) and Carriage Drive in Palatka is designated as “Veterans Memorial Highway.”
- The Interstate 295/State Road 9A overpass (Bridge Nos. 720256 and 720347) over Interstate 10/State Road 8 in Duval County is designated as “Duval County Law Enforcement Memorial Overpass.”
- U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.”

- U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592 Street/Chavous Road/ Kate Green Road and N.E. 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr. Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 24 between County road 374 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy County is designated as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 27A/State Road 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and Town Court in Levy County is designated as “U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 100 in Union County from the Bradford County Line to the Columbia County line is designated “Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 26A in Gainesville, Alachua County, between West University Avenue and S.W. 25th Street, is designated “Deputy Jack A. Romeis Road.”
- State Road 824 between I-95 and State Road A1A in Broward County is designated as “Mardi Gras Way.”
- State Road 7 between Pembroke Road and County Line Road in Broward County is designated as “West Park Boulevard.”
- SR 976 (Bird Road) between S.W. 87th Ave and Palmetto Expressway Ramp is designated as “Senator Javier D. Souto Way.”
- The San Juan Road Extension in Anastasia State Park is designated as “Nona and Papa Road.”
- State Road 293 from the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll plaza north of Chocatawhatchee Bay to its intersection with State Highway 85 is designated as “Walter Francis Spence Parkway.”
- State Route 87 from its intersection with US98 northward to its intersection of U.S. 90 in Santa Rosa County is designated as “Beaches and Rivers Parkway.”
- U.S. 41/State Road 45/ Nebraska Ave from County Road 584/Waters Avenue to State Road 580/Busch Boulevard is designated as “Corporal Michael J. Roberts Parkway.”
- Milepost 22.182 on U.S. 27 in Highlands County is designated as “Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Sgt. Nicholas G. Sottile Memorial.”
- Biscayne Boulevard from N.E. 88th Street to N.E. 105th Street in Miami Shores Village in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Hugh Anderson Boulevard.”

- N.W. 79th Street between N.W. 6th Avenue and N.W. 7th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Miss Lillie Williams Boulevard.”
- N.W. 54th Street between N.W. 2nd Avenue and N.E. 3rd Avenue in Miami Dade-County is designated as “Father Gerard Jean-Juste.”

This bill creates undesignated sections of Florida Law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are 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, the Florida Department of Transportation (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:

The effects of the bill are as follows:

Section 1: The bill designates the portion of State Road 19 in Putnam County between U.S. Highway 17 (State Road 15) and Carriage Drive in Palatka as “Veterans Memorial Highway” in recognition of military veterans.

Section 2: The bill designates the portion of Interstate 295/State Road 9A overpass (Bridge Nos. 720256 and 720347) over Interstate 10/State Road 8 in Duval County is designated as “Duval County Law Enforcement Memorial Overpass.”

This memorial is dedicated to the men and women in all law enforcement agencies located within Duval County who have died in the line of duty.

Section 3: The bill designates U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as “SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Thomas Corbin, born in Old Town Dixie, lived in Cross City, served in the United States Army as a Specialist Fourth Class and was killed in action during the Vietnam War during a mission against the Viet Cong. He was awarded the Silver Star due to his dedication and commitment.

Section 4: The bill designates U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55 between N.E. 592 Street/Chavous Road/ Kate Green Road and N.E. 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as “U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr. Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Samuel Chavous Jr. was born in Cross City and served in the US Navy. He served in the US Navy in the Vietnam War and was killed in action. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Section 5: The bill designates State Road 24 between County road 374 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as “Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Lance Corporal Brian Buesing was born and raised in Cedar Key. He enlisted in the Marines and at the young age of 21 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was killed in action while trying to protect two fellow Marines. For his bravery and dedication, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Section 6: The bill designates U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S. Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy County is designated as “United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Army Sergeant Karl Campbell of Chiefland enlisted in the Army in 1995 and served as an infantryman until 2003. He re-enlisted in November 2009. Sergeant Campbell died from wounds suffered when insurgents in Afghanistan attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Section 7: The bill designates U.S. Highway 27A/State Road 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and Town Court in Levy County is designated as “U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Army Specialist James Page of Titusville died from an improvised explosive device at the young age of 23. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Section 8: The bill designates State Road 100 in Union County from the Bradford County Line to the Columbia County line is designated “Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson were shot and killed while serving an arrest warrant on May 23rd, 1961. Both men were residents of Lake Butler and served the Union County Sheriff’s Department.

Section 9: The bill designates State Road 26A in Gainesville, Alachua County, between West University Avenue and S.W. 25th Street, is designated “Deputy Jack A. Romeis Road.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Deputy Romeis died after sustaining injuries due to an automobile accident while in pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Deputy Romeis has served as a full time deputy for 5 years and had previously served as a reserve deputy for 15 years.

Section 10: The bill designates State Road 824 between I-95 and State Road A1A in Broward County is designated as “Mardi Gras Way.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

The City of Hallandale recognizes pari-mutual gaming as part of Florida's history. The city has made efforts to be gaming friendly to bolster marketing and economic development.

Section 11: The bill designates State Road 7 between Pembroke Road and County Line Road in Broward County is designated as “West Park Boulevard.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

The City Commission of West Park recognizes the designated West Park Boulevard as a means to increase visibility.

Section 12: The bill designates SR 976 (Bird Road) between S.W. 87th Ave and Palmetto Expressway Ramp as “Senator Javier D. Souto Way.”

Senator Souto served the people of Miami-Dade for over 30 years. He has served as both a Florida Representative and Senator; his active participation in the community is exemplified by his appointments to various organizations such as the Child Abuse Prevention Program of South Florida and the Alliance for the Aging. In addition, he was a member of the Dade County Civil Defense, the Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs.

Section 13: The bill designates the San Juan Road Extension in Anastasia State Park as “Nona and Papa Road.”

This is a dedication for grandparents in the State of Florida who have given to our state parks by volunteering their time and providing an example for future generations of Florida how important our state parks are.

Section 14: The bill designates State Road 293 from the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll plaza north of Chocatawhatchee Bay to its intersection with State Highway 85 as “Walter Francis Spence Parkway.”

Walter Francis Spence was born in the Village of Boston. He attended Tulane University, where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in engineering. He later began working with the United States Air Force at Englin in the 1950s. Walter was President of the Chamber of Commerce, and founded the Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival in Niceville, FL. He started working towards building the Mid-Bay Bridge in 1977 and also formed the Spence Brothers Properties to develop and build commercial property in the area.

Section 15: The bill designates State Route 87 from its intersection with U.S. 98 northward to its intersection of U.S. 90 in Santa Rosa County as “Beaches and Rivers Parkway.”

This road designation aide in the enhancement of tourism in Santa Rosa County.

Section 16: The bill designates U.S. 41/State Road 45/ Nebraska Ave from County Road 584/Waters Avenue to State Road 580/Busch Boulevard as “Corporal Michael J. Roberts Parkway.”

Corporal Roberts was shot and killed in the line of duty after 11 years of service with the Tampa Police. During his service with the Tampa Police Department, Corporal Roberts was honored with a Life Saving Award in 2005 as well as numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and other law enforcement agencies.

Section 17: The bill designates Milepost 22.182 on U.S. 27 in Highlands County as “Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Sgt. Nicholas G. Sottile Memorial.”

Sgt. Sottile died in the line of duty while performing a traffic stop at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Whitmore Road in Highlands County. Sgt. Sottile served for over 24 years with the Florida Highway Patrol.

Section 18: The bill designates Biscayne Boulevard from N.E. 88th Street to N.E. 105th Street in Miami Shores Village in Miami-Dade County as “Hugh Anderson Boulevard.”

Hugh Anderson was a land developer and businessman in Miami, Florida. He pioneered the construction of Biscayne Boulevard as a historic thoroughfare.

Section 19: The bill designates N.W. 79th Street between N.W. 6th Avenue and N.W. 7th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as “Miss Lillie Williams Boulevard.”

This bill corrects the designation made last year by changing E. 12th to N.W. 7th Avenue in Miami-Dade County.

Section 20: The bill designates N.W. 54th Street between N.W. 2nd Avenue and N.E. 3rd Avenue in Miami Dade-County as “Father Gerard Jean-Juste Street.”

This bill corrects the designation made last year by changing N.W. to N.E. 3rd Avenue.

Section 21: The bill will take effect on July 1, 2011 if passed by the Legislature.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designation markers is \$16,000. This is based on the assumption that 20 markers will be erected at a cost \$400 each, maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of signs as necessary.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Transportation Committee on March 29, 2011:

This committee substitute incorporates road designations into one bill.

B. Amendments:

None.