

By Senator Gruters

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation facility
3 designations; providing an honorary designation of a
4 certain transportation facility in a specified county;
5 directing the Department of Transportation to erect
6 suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network
9 was a concept developed by Senate President Andy Gardiner and
10 the Transportation Committee Staff Director Kurt Eichin in 2015
11 and 2016 to close the gaps of existing trails used by cyclists
12 and walkers across the state of Florida, and

13 WHEREAS, a yearly appropriation of \$25 million is available
14 to communities to establish these connector trails, in order to
15 encourage Floridians to be more physically active and enjoy more
16 of the Florida sunshine, and

17 WHEREAS, these trails, as authorized under s. 339.81,
18 Florida Statutes, will eventually create the Coast to Coast
19 Connector that will reach from Brevard County to Pinellas
20 County, and

21 WHEREAS, a native of Brevard County, Kurt Eichin was an
22 avid cyclist and lover of all things Florida, and

23 WHEREAS, sadly, on July 4, 2016, Kurt died after a hard-
24 fought battle with cancer, and it is the intent of the
25 Legislature to name the section of the Coast to Coast Connector
26 in Brevard County in Kurt's memory, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30 Section 1. Kurt Eichin Memorial Trail designated;
31 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

32 (1) That portion of the Coast to Coast Connector in Brevard
33 County is designated as the "Kurt Eichin Memorial Trail."

34 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
35 suitable markers designating the Kurt Eichin Memorial Trail as
36 described in subsection (1).

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.