

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 232

SPONSOR: Transportation Committee, Senators Crist, Fasano and Miller

SUBJECT: Highway designations

DATE: March 17, 2004      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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**I. Summary:**

This CS designates U.S. Highway 301 in Pasco County as the “Captain Charles ‘Bo’ Harrison Memorial Highway.” This CS designates a portion of U.S. Highway 17 in Putnam County as the “Jerome A. Williams Memorial Highway.” Also, the 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:**

**Section 1** - The CS creates the “Captain Charles ‘Bo’ Harrison Memorial Highway in Pasco County. Also, FDOT is directed to erect suitable markers designating the above transportation facility.

Captain Charles "Bo" Harrison served as a law enforcement officer in Pasco County for over 30 years and was the first ever and highest ranking African-American officer to serve in the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Association of Deputy Sheriffs, Inc. Captain Harrison often assisted children by helping to pay for books and other education-related expenses, including one student's tuition for the Law Enforcement Academy.

Captain Harrison was shot in the back while seated in his patrol car on June 1, 2003, becoming the first Pasco County officer in over 80 years to be killed in the line of duty. He is survived by three loving and devoted children as well as a community grateful for his dedicated years of service and ultimate sacrifice.

**Section 2** - The CS creates the Jerome A. Williams Memorial Highway on that portion of U.S. Highway 17 in Putnam County from Crescent City south to the border at Volusia County and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

One week after his 21st birthday, Jerome Williams was attending training at the Correctional Institute in Starke. Mr. Williams and other correctional officers went to a local restaurant to celebrate the conclusion of a long day of test-taking. A man came inside the restaurant and said a female corrections officer was being assaulted in the parking lot. Mr. Williams and several other men went outside to help. Mr. Williams ordered the man to stop and ordered everyone to take cover. In the process of protecting the safety of the other officers, he was shot and killed. He was awarded the Medal of Honor (posthumously) by the American Police Hall of Fame.

#### **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 \$1600 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designation. This is based on the assumption that four 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.

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