

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 138, 1st Eng.
INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senators Bullard and Wilson
SUBJECT: Highway/Bridge/Landmark/Designations
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Transportation
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I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1- 442341 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 creates several new designations. The following is a section by section analysis of the effects of the amendment:

Section 21 designates the Raul L. Martinez/ Jose Abreu Pass. That portion of Okeechobee Road, U.S. Highway 27/State Road 25, between W. 12th Street and W. 19th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Raul L. Martinez/Jose Abreu Pass.” Raul Martinez was elected as Mayor of the City of Hialeah in 1981 and served concurrently through six mayoral victories. Mr. Martinez was mayor of the City of Hialeah for 24 years and a City Councilman for 4 years. He retired on December 2, 2005. Presently, Mr. Martinez is the President of Martinez & Fernandez Public Relations in Miami Lakes. José Abreu was born in Cuba and is a 1977 graduate of the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He served as the District Six Secretary of the FDOT for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties and was appointed Secretary of the FDOT by former Governor Jeb Bush on March 5, 2003. Currently, Mr. Abreu is the Aviation Director at Miami-Dade International Airport.

Section 22 designates Mayor Raul L. Martinez Street. That portion of 49th Street within the boundaries of the City of Hialeah in Miami- Dade County is designated as “Mayor Raul L. Martinez Street.” See bio above.

Section 23 designates Dr. Vicente Grau-Imperatori Street. That portion of S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 67th and Avenue and S.W. 72nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Dr. Vicente Grau-Imperatori Street.” Dr. Vicente Grau-Imperatori was born in Cuba. At the age of 17, his family moved to Havana where he earned his Baccalaureate from the Institute of Second Letters in Letters and Science. Later he registered at The University of Havana where he obtained three degrees: Doctor in Laws, Lawyer in Diplomatic and Consular Right, and Doctor in Social, Political, and Economic Sciences. At his young age he began working for the Senate. He first served at the Library of the House of Representatives and also as Official of Commissions of the Senate. Soon after, he became Head of the Office of the Senate and stayed in the position for over 20 years. In this position Dr. Grau-Imperatori was able to facilitate

citizens visits with Senators. In 1959, after Fidel Castro's takeover, Dr. Grau-Imperatori was sentenced and condemned to 20 years in prison for counterrevolutionary activism. He served 9 of the 20. In 1976, he arrived in Miami where he continued his activism in organizations like the Cuban Patriotic Meeting, the National School of Journalists of Cuba in Exile, the Rock of Teobaldo Rosell, the School of Lawyers of Cuba in exile and the School of Notaries of Cuba, among others. Dr. Vicente Grau-Imperatori died August 12, 2006. He was 95.

Section 24 designates the William Nathey Bridge. That bridge, number 570125, on State Road 85, which crosses Boggy Bayou in Okaloosa County, is designated as "William Nathey Bridge." William Nathey was born in 1820 in England. His descendants are most known for their various contributions to the foundation of what is now Niceville, Florida.

Section 25 creates markers in honor of Sergeant Nicholas Sottile. That portion of State Road 70 near U.S. Highway 27 in Highlands County is dedicated to the memory of Highway Patrol Sergeant Nicholas Sottile. Sergeant Sottile was killed in the line of duty on Friday, January 12, 2007, while conducting a traffic stop on US-27 in Highlands County. He was a 24 year veteran of The Florida Highway Patrol.

Section 26 designates a state historic road. That portion of Brickell Avenue situated within the corporate limits of the City of Miami and lying between S.E. 25th Street and the south shoreline of the Miami River is designated as a state historic road.

Section 27 deletes obsolete provisions and revises provisions for the purchase of plant materials by the Department of Transportation for certain beautification programs.