

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 1604, 2nd Engrossed
INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Baker
SUBJECT: Designations
DATE: May 1, 2008

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 422051 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 deletes and re-introduces two road designations, and adds additional roads to be designated.

A section by section analysis follows.

Section 8 clarifies the name of the proposed Father Emilio Vallina Avenue, changing it to “Monsignor Emilio Vallina Avenue.”

Section 9 re-introduces Bishop Victor Tyrone Curry Boulevard, already present in the original bill.

The amendment also designates additional roads, including:

Section 10. Richard D. Ward Way, at that portion of S.W. 67th Avenue between S.W. 56th Street and S.W. 64th Street in Miami-Dade County. Ward was the assistant principal for the regular day school at South Miami Jr. High. Ward has remained active in working with school personnel since his retirement, and is active as a youth counselor, served on the city parks and recreation board, and received the South Miami Key to the City in 2007.

Section 11. Mary Ellen Miller Way, at that portion of Hialeah Drive between Okeechobee Road and Lejeune Road in Miami-Dade County. Miller was a Chairman of the Republican Party for over 15 years, and has over 35 years of community involvement and activism. She has been the President of “Women for Responsible Legislation” for over 7 years, and an active member of Faith Lutheran Church for over 50 years, located on the street proposed to be designated in her honor.

Section 12. Jacobo Cababie Avenue, at that portion of West Country Club Drive between N.E. 199th Street and N.E. 192nd Street in Miami-Dade County. Cababie is originally from Mexico City and his family founded GICSA, Mexico’s largest development firm. He came to Miami in

2000 and started CABI Corp. Development. He has made a reputation as a high-quality developer.

Section 13. Rosendo Rosell Road, at that portion of State Road 934/71st Street between Bay Drive and State Road A1A/Collins Avenue in the City of Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County. Rosendo Rosell is a well-known and Cuban-American artist who has entertained the public with his many talents for generations. He starred in motion pictures in Cuba and Mexico, recorded more than 20 comedy albums, and has been popular for generations.

Section 14. Avenue of the Americas, at that portion of S.E. 2nd Avenue from the Miami River south to S.E. 2nd Street in Miami-Dade County. Many institutions considering relocating to South Florida want to have an address/street name that is recognized throughout the world. In New York City, many international institutions are located on their Avenue of the Americas in Manhattan. This designation may help attract companies to Miami.

Section 15. MSgt. Benjamin Strickland Highway, at that portion of State Road 836 between 97th Avenue and 137th Avenue in Miami-Dade County. Strickland served in the U.S. Army for 27 years, in Korea and Vietnam, and left with the rank of Master Sergeant and a Bronze Star. Known for his love of cooking, he shared recipes in the army's Stars and Stripes newspaper, and later with the community in Miami. He worked in election polls and was known as the watch dog of his community, and is remembered fondly by his family.

Section 16. Rafael Diaz-Balart Way, at that portion of LeJune Road between East 65th Street and Okeechobee Road in the City of Hialeah in Miami-Dade County. Diaz-Balart was a Cuban politician who served as Majority Leader of the Cuban House of Representatives during the Batista dictatorship. He founded *La Rosa Blanca*, the first anti-Castro organization, in January 1959. He is the father of U.S. Congressmen Lincoln Diaz-Balart and Mario Diaz-Balart.

Section 17. Jose A. Marques Boulevard, at that portion of 8th Street between S.W. 107th Avenue and S.W. 117th Avenue in Miami-Dade County. Marques was a professor and founding member of the criminal justice program at Florida International University and mentor to countless police officers. He was remembered as responsible for helping many Miami-Dade Police Department officers get bachelor's and master's degrees, forging partnerships with police departments.

Section 18. Willy Chirino Boulevard, at that portion of W. Okeechobee Road between W. 4th Avenue and Palm Avenue in Miami-Dade County. Chirino is a Grammy Award winner singer and song-writer, recognized throughout the world as the creator of the "Miami Sound", unique for its fusion of Cuban music, rock, and Brazilian Caribbean rhythms. He has released over 20 original albums and is a world-renowned musical icon. Born in a small town in western Cuba, he is also known also for his long-standing fight for the freedom of his people.

Section 19. Constable Arthur Fleece Crenshaw Memorial Highway, at that portion of U.S. Highway 98 between U.S. Highway 301 and the Pasco-Hernando County line in Pasco County. Constable Crenshaw, working with Agent Waters, was ambushed on October 4, 1922 while investigating moonshine activity. He was killed in the line of duty.

Section 20. Agent John Van Waters Memorial Highway, at that portion of U.S. Highway 98 between U.S. Highway 301 and the Pasco-Polk County line in Pasco County. Agent Waters, working with Constable Crenshaw, was ambushed on October 4, 1922 while investigating moonshine activity. He was killed in the line of duty.

Section 21. Roy Willis Street, at that portion of Beaver Street between Myrtle Avenue and Tyler Street in Duval County. Willis served in the U.S. Army in WW2 and in Korea, reaching the rank of Master Sergeant before being discharged with honors. He started a service station in 1966 and was one of a handful of other self-employed African American business owners during the sixties, paving the way for the golden opportunities available at the present time to people of color and the Jacksonville Community.