

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1195

Road & Bridge Designations

SPONSOR(S): Frishe

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 2076

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Miller
2)	Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee	11 Y, 0 N	Fennell	Creamer
3)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council			
4)				
5)				

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The bill designates that portion of State Road 682 (Pinellas Bayway) from State Road 699 (Gulf Boulevard) to U.S. 19 in Pinellas County as the “Command Sergeant Major Gary Lee Littrell Medal of Honor Causeway and Bridge.”

The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers designating the “Command Sergeant Major Gary Lee Littrell Medal of Honor Causeway and Bridge.”

This cost is insignificant and can be absorbed within the Department of Transportation’s existing budget.

The bill does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Effect of Proposed Changes

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Designates the "Command Sergeant Major Gary Lee Littrell Medal of Honor Causeway and Bridge;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

This cost is insignificant and can be absorbed within the Department of Transportation's existing budget.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Gary Lee Littrell is a retired Command Sergeant Major in the United States Army who, while serving in the Vietnam War, acted with extraordinary courage during a four day siege of his battalion — for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor on October 15, 1973.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None