

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 1698

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Dean

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: March 10, 2010 **REVISED:** _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	McManus	Meyer	TR	Fav/CS
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... Statement of Substantial Changes

B. AMENDMENTS..... Technical amendments were recommended

Amendments were recommended

Significant amendments were recommended

I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. These designations are for honorary purposes only, and do not require changing of street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 listings. The bill designates the following roads as follows:

- That portion of State Road 51 in Taylor County from U.S. 19 to the Dixie County line is designated “Deputy Victor J. ‘Skip’ McDonald Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of U.S. 19 in Taylor County from Slaughter Road to Harrison Blue Road is designated “Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell Memorial Highway.”
- That portion of U.S. Highway 90 within the city boundaries of the Town of Greenville in Madison County is designated “Ray Charles Memorial Parkway.”
- That portion of Bird Road (S.W. 40th Street) in Miami-Dade County from S.W. 89th Avenue to S.W. 92nd Avenue is designated “Frank Pasquarella Way.”
- That portion of Bird Road (S.W. 40th Street) in Miami-Dade County from S.W. 87th Avenue to S.W. 89th Avenue is designated “Bob Arbetter’s Way.”
- The bridge on U.S. Highway 19/98 at the Cross Florida Barge Canal in Citrus County is designated “Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith Memorial Bridge.”

- That portion of U.S. 19/27A/98 in Dixie County from N.E. 170th Street in Cross City to the Taylor County line is designated “Chad Allen Reed, Sr., Memorial Highway.”

This bill creates undesignated sections of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are 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, the Florida Department of Transportation (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:

The effects of the bill are as follows:

Section 1: The bill designates that portion of State Road 51 in Taylor County from U.S. 19 to the Dixie County line as “Deputy Victor J. ‘Skip’ McDonald Memorial Highway.”

Deputy Victor J. ‘Skip’ McDonald was killed in an auto accident on November 16, 1974 due to a tire blow out.

Section 2: The bill designates that portion of U.S. 19 in Taylor County from Slaughter Road to Harrison Blue Road as “Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell Memorial Highway.”

Florida State Trooper Charles Eugene Campbell was shot and killed after being abducted while making a traffic stop in Perry, Florida in 1974.

Section 3: The bill designates that portion of U.S. Highway 90 within the city boundaries of the Town of Greenville in Madison County as “Ray Charles Memorial Parkway.”

Ray Charles, born Ray Charles Robinson (September 23, 1930 – June 10, 2004) was an African-American musician. Charles was a pioneer in the genre of soul music during the 1950s by fusing rhythm & blues, gospel, and blues styles into his early recordings for Atlantic Records. He also helped racially integrate country and pop music during the 1960s with his crossover success on ABC Records, most notably with his *Modern Sounds* albums. During his tenure with ABC, Charles became one of the first African-American musicians to be given artistic control by a mainstream record company.

Section 4: The bill designates that portion of Bird Road (S.W. 40th Street) in Miami-Dade County from S.W. 89th Avenue to S.W. 92nd Avenue as “Frank Pasquarella Way.”

Frank Pasqueralla founded Frankie’s Pizza in Miami in 1955. Frankie’s Pizza is by far the oldest pizza shop in Miami. Frank was born in 1925 in Ohio and was a WWII veteran.

Section 5: The bill designates that portion of Bird Road (S.W. 40th Street) in Miami-Dade County from S.W. 87th Avenue to S.W. 89th Avenue as “Bob Arbetter’s Way.”

Bob Arbetter operated hot-dog restaurants with his son Ronnie in Miami. The first restaurant was founded in 1960. Bob Arbetter passed away in 2002. When the first restaurant opened Bob Arbetter promised free baked beans the day after the Red Sox won the World Series, one of Bob’s dreams. His dream was not realized until 2004 after his death. Free beans were served all day.

Section 6: The bill designates the bridge on U.S. Highway 19/98 at the Cross Florida Barge Canal in Citrus County as “Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith Memorial Bridge.”

Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith had served with the Florida Highway Patrol for 8 months when he was shot and killed while checking on two suspicious men in a parked car. The suspects attempted to flee but two nearby hunters shot and wounded one of them and then captured them both. He is described as having served the people of Citrus County well.

Section 7: The bill designates that portion of U.S. 19/27A/98 in Dixie County from N.E. 170th Street in Cross City to the Taylor County line is designated “Chad Allen Reed, Sr., Memorial Highway.”

Chad Allen Reed, Sr., 33, of Cross City, Florida, a Captain with the Dixie County Sheriff’s Department, died in the line of duty on Thursday, January 14, 2010, protecting the lives of the people around him.

Section 8: The bill will take effect on July 1, 2010 if passed by the Legislature.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designation markers is \$5,600 (\$800 per designation). The expenditure will come from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is also responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)**CS by Transportation on March 10, 2010:**

Amendment 978792 removes the road designation for “John Bruce Sweeny Street” and adds a road designation for “Chad Allen Reed, Sr., Memorial Highway.”

B. Amendments:

None.