

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1014

An act relating to road and building designations; designating the Gratigny Parkway in Dade County as the "Marlins Expressway"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of State Road 267 in Gadsden County as the "Pat Thomas Parkway"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of State Road 528 in Brevard County as the "Kennedy Space Center Highway"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of the Polk County Highway as the "James Henry Mills Medal of Honor Parkway"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of N.W. 167th Street in Miami Lakes as "Zuly Reyes Road"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating State Road 50 within Hernando County as the "Deputy Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; co-designating the MacArthur Causeway Bridge in Miami-Dade County as the "Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating the Florida Turnpike as the "Ronald Reagan Turnpike"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of State Road 71 South in Jackson County as the "Pete Peterson Parkway"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating that portion of State Road 71 extending through Port St. Joe (known as 5th Street) as "Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of Coral Way in Miami as the "Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial Way" directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating a portion of SW 1st Street in Miami as the "Lincoln-Marti Boulevard"; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; designating the Jacksonville Children's Medical Services Building as the "Richard G. Skinner, Jr., M.D., Children's Medical Services Building"; designating a portion of U.S. Highway 29 in Escambia County as the "Don Sutton Memorial Highway;" providing for the erection of markers; renaming the Deerfield Beach High School Outpatient Family Health Center as the "Amadeo Trinchitella Health Clinic"; naming the new wing at Florida Atlantic University as the I.A. "MAC" Mascioli Education Wing; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, each year many Floridians are killed or injured in automobile accidents caused by drunk drivers, and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 1993, Zuly Reyes, age 17, the daughter of Gladys and Robert Saavedra, was killed by a drunk driver on the Palmetto access road (N.W. 167th Street, between Miami Lakes Drive and N.W. 67th Avenue in Miami Lakes), and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the Legislature of the State of Florida commemorate the location of this tragedy as a reminder to all drivers not to drink and drive, and

WHEREAS, Hernando County Deputy Sheriff Lonnie Coburn was murdered in the line of duty on February 21, 1978, at a convenience store at the intersection of State Road 50 and U.S. Highway 301, in Ridge Manor, Florida, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate for the Legislature of the State of Florida to honor the memory of this courageous young man, and

WHEREAS, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Robert G. Smith, a lifelong resident of Miami-Dade County, was killed in the line of duty on July 26, 1997, by a suspected drunk driver, and

WHEREAS, Trooper Smith joined the Florida Highway Patrol in January 1993 and in December 1995 was appointed to the Tri-County DUI Task Force that patrols the highways of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties removing intoxicated drivers from our highways, and

WHEREAS, Trooper Smith was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving on the local and statewide levels for 4 consecutive years and was a 4-year member of the prestigious Florida Highway Patrol One Hundred Club for removing over 100 drunk drivers annually from the roadways, and

WHEREAS, the memory of Trooper Smith should not be forgotten by the citizens of the state, and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was the 40th President of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, President Reagan was one of the United States' greatest and most beloved presidents and a true world leader, and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and refusal to compromise, President Reagan won the Cold War for America and virtually eliminated the threat of nuclear holocaust for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through his success in finding peace through strength, fewer Florida servicemen and servicewomen are placed in harm's way, and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's economic policies brought Florida and the nation out of double-digit inflation and economically crushing high interest rates into 92 consecutive months of economic growth, and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's unbridled optimism gives Floridians and the nation cause to feel better about ourselves, and

WHEREAS, his leadership encourages a rediscovery of the values upon which our forefathers founded this nation, and

WHEREAS, his unending cause for freedom represents the liberty to travel about our state and nation's highway system, and

WHEREAS, the people of Florida desire to honor President Reagan in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson served the United States Air Force during the era of the Vietnam War, and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was a fighter pilot whose plane was shot down over enemy territory in that war, and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was a Prisoner of War in the infamous “Hanoi Hilton,” and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was subsequently released from the “Hanoi Hilton” and returned to the United States, and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was elected to the Congress of the United States in 1990, and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson served the Congress with honor until 1996, and

WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was nominated by President Bill Clinton to be the United States Ambassador to Vietnam, and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States confirmed the nomination, and

WHEREAS, one century ago, on September 12, 1897, Cecil G. Costin, Sr., was born in Lyons, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, he moved to the area of Port St. Joe, Florida, in 1910 and spent the remainder of his life there, and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 1922, he married Lola Pridgeon, who became his life-long companion as they reared a family, ran the family businesses, and served with great distinction within the community, especially in their church, and

WHEREAS, Cecil G. Costin, Sr., continued to work in and manage his business until his 100th birthday, which he celebrated with his hundreds of friends and relatives approximately three weeks before his death, and

WHEREAS, the exemplary life lived by Cecil G. Costin, Sr., and his great works of charity and Christian living, were a great example and an inspiration to the people of Port St. Joe and the surrounding area, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Gratigny Parkway designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) The Gratigny Parkway (State Road 924) is hereby designated as the “Marlins Expressway.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the Marlins Expressway as described in subsection (1).

Section 2. Pat Thomas Parkway designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) State Road 267 in Gadsden County from Washington Street, one block north of U.S. 90, south to State Road 20 is hereby designated as the “Pat Thomas Parkway.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the “Pat Thomas Parkway” as described in subsection (1).

Section 3. Kennedy Space Center Highway designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) That portion of State Road 528 from State Road 436 in Orange County east to State Road A1A in Brevard County is hereby designated as the “Kennedy Space Center Highway.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the “Kennedy Space Center Highway” as described in subsection (1).

Section 4. James Henry Mills Medal of Honor Parkway designated; the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) That portion of the Polk County Parkway from Interstate 4 at the Polk/Hillsborough county line east to State Road 37 in Lakeland is hereby designated as the “James Henry Mills Medal of Honor Parkway.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the “James Henry Mills Medal of Honor Parkway” as described in subsection (1).

Section 5. Zuly Reyes Road designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) That portion of N.W. 167th Street, between Miami Lakes Drive and N.W. 67th Avenue, known as “the big curve” in Miami Lakes is designated as “Zuly Reyes Road.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers on N.W. 67th Avenue designating “Zuly Reyes Road” as described in subsection (1).

Section 6. Deputy Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) That easterly portion of State Road 50 within Hernando County to U.S. 301 is designated as the “Deputy Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers on State Road 50 within Hernando County designating the “Deputy Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway” as described in subsection (1).

Section 7. MacArthur Causeway Bridge co-designated as the “Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge”; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) The MacArthur Causeway Bridge located in Miami-Dade County is hereby co-designated as the “Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge” as described in subsection (1).

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers co-designating the MacArthur Causeway Bridge as the “Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge.”

Section 8. Ronald Reagan Turnpike designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) The Florida Turnpike consisting of the 312 contiguous miles of limited-access toll highway stretching from Florida City, where South Dade County meets the Florida Keys, continuing northward through 11 counties, including the greater metropolitan areas of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Orlando, and ending at a junction with Interstate 75 in North Central Florida is hereby designated as the “Ronald Reagan Turnpike.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the “Ronald Reagan Turnpike” as described in subsection (1).

Section 9. Pete Peterson Parkway designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) A portion of State Road 71 South in Jackson County is to be named the “Pete Peterson Parkway.” That portion shall begin at the U.S. Highway 90 intersection of SR 71 and commence Southward approximately 2.6 miles to the intersection of County Road 280, also known as Rocky Creek Road.

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the “Pete Peterson Parkway” as described in subsection (1).

Section 10. Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Boulevard designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) That portion of State Road 71 extending through Port St. Joe (known as 5th Street) is designated the “Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Boulevard.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the “Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Boulevard” as described in subsection (1).

Section 11. Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial Way; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

(1) That portion of S.W. 24th Street (known as Coral Way) extending between S.W. 28th Avenue and S.W. 29th Avenue in Miami is designated as the “Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial Way.”

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the "Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial Way" as described in subsection (1).

Section 12. Richard G. Skinner, Jr., M.D., building designated; markers.—

(1) The Jacksonville Children's Medical Services Building is designated as the "Richard G. Skinner, Jr., M.D., Children's Medical Services Building."

(2) The Department of Health is directed to erect suitable markers designating the Richard G. Skinner, Jr., M.D., Children's Medical Services Building as described in subsection (1).

Section 13. Don Sutton Memorial Highway designated; markers.—

(1) That portion of U.S. Highway 29 from Neal Road to Pine Barren Road in Escambia County is hereby designated as the "Don Sutton Memorial Highway."

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the "Don Sutton Memorial Highway" as described in subsection (1).

Section 14. The Deerfield Beach High School Outpatient Family Health Center as identified in the Conference Report on HB 4201 is hereby renamed the "Amadeo Trinchitella Health Clinic."

Section 15. The new wing at Florida Atlantic University at St. Lucie West as identified in Specific Appropriation 209A of the Conference Report on HB 4201 is designated as the "I.A. 'MAC' Mascioli Education Wing."

Section 16. (1) That portion of SW 1st Street between 9th and 10th Avenue in Miami is hereby designated as "Lincoln-Marti Boulevard."

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating the "Lincoln-Marti Boulevard" as described in subsection (1).

Section 17. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 22, 1998.

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