



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security)

Sens. Hughes, Bacon, Grendell, Sawyer, Seitz, Beagle, Brown, Burke, Cafaro, Daniels, Faber, Gentile, Jordan, Lehner, Balderson, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Schaffer, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Turner, Wagoner, Widener

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the Director of Transportation to designate portions of state highways, outside of municipal corporations in honor of each state highway patrol trooper who is or has been killed in the line of duty.
- Designates nine memorial highways and designates one additional highway.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Highway designations by the Director of Transportation

The bill authorizes the Director of Transportation to designate portions of state highways outside of municipal corporations as a separate memorial highway honoring each state highway patrol trooper who is or has been killed in the line of duty. The Director of Transportation must make the designations in consultation with the Director of Public Safety and the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol.¹

No portion of a memorial highway designated by the Director of Transportation under the bill may exceed 20 miles in total length.²

The bill allows the Director of Transportation to designate a portion of a state highway located outside of a municipal corporation that already has been given a

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 5501.313(A).

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statutory designation. If this occurs, the portion of highway at issue will have both names. If the Director designates a portion of a highway under the bill and that portion subsequently is given a statutory designation, the portion at issue will have both names unless the statutory designation expressly provides otherwise.³

When a portion of a highway receives a designation under the bill, the Director of Transportation may erect suitable markers along it indicating its name.⁴

Additional highway designations

The bill designates nine memorial highways and designates one additional highway, and in all cases the Director of Transportation is authorized to erect suitable markers along each highway, indicating its name.

"Branch Rickey Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 23, running in a northerly and southerly direction within Scioto County from mile marker three to mile marker ten, as the "Branch Rickey Memorial Highway."⁵ While serving as president and general manager of what was then the Brooklyn Dodgers, Branch Rickey integrated major league baseball in 1947 when Jackie Robinson started that season for the Dodgers.

The portion of United States Route 23 that is the subject of this provision currently carries the designations "United Spanish War Veterans Memorial Highway" and "Scioto Trail."⁶ A portion of United States Route 23 in Delaware County also currently carries the designation "Branch Rickey Memorial Highway."⁷

"Sfc. Charles L. Adkins Memorial Highway"

The bill designates a portion of State Route 101, running in a northeasterly and southwesterly direction between the municipal corporations of Castalia and Sandusky in Erie County only, as the "Sfc. Charles L. Adkins Memorial Highway."⁸ Sfc. Charles L. Adkins was killed in Afghanistan on April 16, 2011.

³ R.C. 5501.313(B).

⁴ R.C. 5501.313(C).

⁵ R.C. 5533.051.

⁶ R.C. 5533.05, not in the bill.

⁷ R.C. 5533.051.

⁸ R.C. 5533.182.

"Specialist Charles E. Odums II Memorial Highway"

The bill designates a portion of United States Route 250, running in a northwesterly and southeasterly direction through the municipal corporation of Sandusky only, as the "Specialist Charles E. Odums II Memorial Highway."⁹ Specialist Charles E. Odums II was killed by an explosion near his patrol in Iraq on May 30, 2004.

"David A. Gibson Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 104, running in a northerly and southerly direction within Ross County only, between the intersection of that state route and Williamsport Pike in the north and the intersection of that state route and Pennyroyal Road in the south, as the "David A. Gibson Memorial Highway."¹⁰ David A. Gibson was a corrections officer at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution. He died in a motor vehicle accident on March 31, 2009.

"U.S. Army Specialist Allen Nolan Memorial Highway"

The bill designates a portion of State Route 676, from mile marker number 22 to mile marker 23, in Washington County only, as the "U.S. Army Specialist Allen Nolan Memorial Highway."¹¹ U.S. Army Specialist Allen Nolan died on September 30, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Iraq.

"Marine Corporal Paul W. Zanowick II Memorial Highway"

The bill designates a portion of State Route 725, commencing at the intersection of that road and Heincke Road in the municipal corporation of Miamisburg and extending in an easterly direction to the intersection of that road and State Route 741, in Montgomery County only, as the "Marine Corporal Paul W. Zanowick II Memorial Highway."¹² Marine Corporal Paul W. Zanowick II died on June 3, 2011 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

"Pfc. Jeffrey L. Rice Memorial Highway"

The bill designates a portion of State Route 55, running in an easterly direction between the municipal corporations of Troy and Casstown in Miami County, as the

⁹ R.C. 5533.183.

¹⁰ R.C. 5533.221.

¹¹ R.C. 5533.542.

¹² R.C. 5533.725.

"Pfc. Jeffrey L. Rice Memorial Highway."¹³ Pfc. Jeffrey L. Rice was killed in Kandahar, Afghanistan on July 19, 2012.

"Boone Coleman Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 52 located in southern Scioto County between mile markers 17 and 19 as the "Boone Coleman Memorial Highway."¹⁴ Boone Coleman founded the Boone Coleman Construction company of West Portsmouth, Ohio.

"Bill Burgett Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 13, commencing at the intersection of that route with Cassell Road in Knox County and proceeding in a northerly direction to the intersection of that route with Zolman Road, as the "Bill Burgett Highway."¹⁵ Bill Burgett is the founder of the Kokosing Construction Company, Inc.

"Cpl. Nicholas H. Olivas Memorial Highway"

The bill designates a portion of State Route 128, commencing at the intersection of that route and United States Route 27 and proceeding in a northeasterly direction to the intersection of that route and New London Road in the municipal corporation of Hamilton, as the "Cpl. Nicholas H. Olivas Memorial Highway."¹⁶ Cpl. Nicholas H. Olivas died on May 30, 2012, as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device in Zharay, Afghanistan.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-01-11
Reported, S. Highways & Transportation	11-21-11
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Reported, H. Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security	---

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¹³ R.C. 5533.755.

¹⁴ R.C. 5533.831.

¹⁵ R.C. 5533.832.

¹⁶ R.C. 5533.98.

