

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 874
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Senator John Traeger became a resident of Seguin, Texas in 1945. He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962, and to the Texas Senate in 1986 with many distinctions. In his 14 years of outstanding service in the Senate; among his many accomplishments, he served as Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Administration Committee. He was also a well-known civic leader serving as the President of the Seguin Lions Club and the Texas Lutheran College Athletic Association, as well as a member of many other local groups. A well respected man by all of his peers, he was named Texan of the Year in 1986 by the Texas Legislative Conference. Senator Traeger passed away at the age of 73 on December 16, 1994. CSHB 874 would name State Highway 123 in Seguin, between Interstate Highway 10 and United States Highway 90A in memory of Senator Traeger, "Senator John Traeger Memorial Highway."

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

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CSHB 874 also states that the Texas Department of Transportation is not required to cover the cost of design, construction, and erection of markers unless a donation of private funds is made to the department to cover those costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute differs from the original bill in that the substitute requires the donation of private funds to the Texas Department of Transportation to cover the costs associated with the design, construction, and erection of the appropriate marker(s). The original bill did not.