

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 921
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The late Marshall Formby served the Texas Highway Commission as a member from 1953 to 1956 and as chair from 1957 through 1959.

He served as state senator from District 30, which encompassed much of Lubbock and portions of the Panhandle, while concurrently serving with the Corps of Engineers during World War II. Mr. Formby was also a newspaper publisher, farmer, and radio station owner.

As proposed, CSSB 921 designates the portion of Interstate Highway 27 between Lubbock and Amarillo as the Marshall Formby 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

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.059, as follows:

Sec. 225.059. MARSHALL FORMBY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that Interstate Highway 27 between its intersection with United States Highway 84 in Lubbock and its intersection with Interstate Highway 40 in Amarillo is designated as the Marshall Formby Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to design and construct memorial markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Marshall Formby Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information.

(c) Requires TxDOT to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at the appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

(d) Provides that TxDOT is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker under this section unless TxDOT receives a grant or donation to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection.

(e) Requires funds collected under Section 225.021 (General Provisions) for the purposes of implementing this section to be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.

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COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute requires that TxDOT receive private donations or grants to cover the costs incurred with the design, construction, and erection of the signage for the Marshall Formby Memorial Highway. The original legislation did not make that requirement.