

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 210
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As President Ronald Reagan once said, "If you're afraid of the future, then get out of the way, stand aside. The people of this country are ready to move again." President Reagan was a man who managed to remain popular throughout his presidency from 1981 to 1989 and for the remainder of his life as he struggled with Alzheimer's disease. Ronald Reagan has been noted as the leader to have the highest claim on resolving the Cold War for liberty with a "peace through strength" doctrine. He was known as America's Great Communicator and the ideals and resolves articulated by Ronald Reagan helped to bring down the Berlin Wall in the late eighties.

Beyond his outstanding communication skills, Ronald Reagan led the United States to one of the longest economic expansions in history during his presidency. The state of Texas is fulfilling that potential and analysts say that the continuation of the growth which has existed throughout the last decade depends on the ability of the regions of Texas to maintain the mobility of workers and their skills.

Due to the mobility in the eastern region of Texas, Interstate Highway 20 has been an invaluable resource for the citizens of that area since it was first built in 1957. A portion of Interstate Highway 20 in Arlington, TX has been designated to honor Ronald Reagan and it is only fitting to continue the tradition.

Committee Substitute House Bill 210 designates the portion of Interstate Highway 20 between the Dallas-Kaufman County Line and Louisiana-Texas State Line as the Ronald Reagan 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

CSHB 210 would name the portion of Interstate Highway 20 located between the Dallas-Kaufman county line and Louisiana-Texas state line as the Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The Committee Substitute modifies the original by amending language on line 10 designating that the portion of IH 20 beginning at the Tarrant-Dallas County Line. Tarrant-Dallas County Line is replaced with Dallas-Kaufman County Line, so the designation does not apply inside Dallas County.