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S.B. No. 1117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation by name of parts of the highway system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 225.001, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 225.001. RESTRICTIONS [~~PROHIBITION~~] ON NAMING HIGHWAY. (a) The commission may not designate a part of the highway system, including a bridge or street, by a name, including the name of a living [~~or dead~~] individual or for an organization or event, or by a symbol other than the regular highway number.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by statute, a part of the highway system, including a bridge or street, may not be designated by a name.

(c) A part of the highway system, including a bridge or street, may be designated by the name of a person only if the person is deceased and was significant:

(1) in the state's history; or

(2) in the lives of the people of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 225.021, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) The department is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker under this subchapter unless a grant or donation of private funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker.

1 (d) Money received under Subsection (b) shall be deposited
2 to the credit of the state highway fund.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.