

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 1015 in Hidalgo County has no designated name.

As proposed, S.B. 1997 names FM 1015 as Bill Summers International Boulevard to honor the accomplishments of Bill Summers, chief executive officer of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership, as a steward of international goodwill between the Rio Grande Valley and the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** Provides that the purpose of this Act is to recognize Bill Summers for his unselfish sacrifices in developing a close relationship between the Rio Grande Valley and the State of Tamaulipas, United Mexican States.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.077, as follows:

Sec. 225.077. **BILL SUMMERS INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD.** (a) Provides that Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between U.S. Highway 83 and the Progreso International Bridge is designated as the Bill Summers International Boulevard.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to TxDOT not being required to design, construct, or erect a marker under this subchapter unless a grant or donation of funds is made), to design and construct memorial markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Bill Summers International Boulevard, and any other appropriate information.

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

(d) Provides that the requirement that a recognized individual be deceased under Section 225.001(c) (relating to authorizing a part of the highway system to be designated by the name of a person only if the person is deceased and was significant) does not apply to this section.

**SECTION 3.** Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.