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S.B. No. 1510

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authorization to designate and the designation of a
3 portion of Interstate Highway 20 in Dallas County as the President
4 Barack Obama Freeway.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 225.001, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
8 follows:

9 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a [A] part of the
10 highway system, including a bridge or street, may be designated by
11 the name of a person only if the person is deceased and was
12 significant:

13 (1) in the state's history; or

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

15 (d) A part of the highway system, including a bridge or
16 street, may be designated by the name of a current or former
17 president of the United States.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code,
19 is amended by adding Section 225.0335 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 225.0335. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA FREEWAY. (a) The
21 portion of Interstate Highway 20 located in Dallas County between
22 Mountain Creek Parkway and Dowdy Ferry Road is designated as the
23 President Barack Obama Freeway. The designation is in addition to
24 any other designation.

1 (b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall
2 design and construct markers indicating the number, the designation
3 as the President Barack Obama Freeway, and any other appropriate
4 information. The department shall erect a marker at each end of the
5 freeway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the freeway.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.