

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 441  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Captain John Young is a former NASA astronaut as well as a retired captain in the U.S. Navy. After gaining extensive flight training and experience while serving in the Navy, Young was selected to be an astronaut in September 1962. He is the first person to fly in space six times and seven times counting his lunar liftoff. He has logged more than 15,275 hours flying time in props, jets, helicopters, and rocket jets; more than 9,200 hours in T-38s; and 835 hours in six space flights.

Captain Young continued his service to NASA by becoming chief of the space shuttle branch of the astronaut office in January 1973. In January 1974, he was selected to be chief of the astronaut office, a role in which he served until May 1987. From May 1987 to February 1996, Young served as special assistant to the director of the Johnson Space Center for Engineering, Operations, and Safety. In February 1996, Young was assigned as associate director (technical) of the center. He retired from NASA on December 31, 2004.

Captain Young has spent his life serving his country as a member of the U.S. Navy and as a NASA astronaut. C.S.H.B. 441 seeks to honor this service by designating a portion of a highway in the city of Webster as the Captain John Young Flyover.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 441 amends the Transportation Code to designate the highway known as the NASA Road 1 Bypass in the city of Webster connecting State Highway NASA Road 1 to Interstate Highway 45 south of the intersection of those two highways as the Captain John Young Flyover, in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Captain John Young Flyover and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2013.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 441 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and highlighted in a manner that indicates the substantive differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.091 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.091. CAPTAIN JOHN YOUNG FLYOVER. (a) The highway known as the NASA Road 1 Bypass in the city of Webster connecting State Highway NASA Road 1 to Interstate Highway 45 south of the intersection of those two highways is designated as the Captain John Young Flyover. The designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Captain John Young Flyover, and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Captain John Young Flyover and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.