

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3283
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note the distinguished musical career of Al Dean, whose famous fiddle tune "Cotton Eyed Joe" has become a jukebox standard in bars, clubs, and dance halls throughout the country. H.B. 3283 seeks to honor the musical legacy of Al Dean and his contributions to his local community with a memorial highway designation in his name.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

H.B. 3283 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 16 in Duval County between the northern municipal boundary of Freer and the southern boundary of McMullen County as the Al Dean Memorial Highway, 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 highway number, the designation as the Al Dean Memorial Highway, 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

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.