

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2577
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to honor the life and service of Bob Ford, a lifelong resident of Seminole who was the last Texan to lose his life in the Vietnam conflict. H.B. 2577 seeks to provide this recognition by designating a portion of U.S. Highway 180 in Gaines County as the Bob Ford Memorial Highway.

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. 2577 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 180 in Gaines County between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1757 and the eastern municipal boundary of Seminole as the Bob Ford Memorial Highway. 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 Bob Ford 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, 2019.