

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-572

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Gay and Freeman

Date of Introduction: August 22, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, R

Date of Analysis: August 24, 2023

Type of Action: Support for state honorary highway naming

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City's support for the honorary naming of a portion of Heckscher Drive/State Road 105 between New Berlin Road East and Orahood Lane as "Officer Scott Eric Bell Highway" as initiated by a bill passed by the 2023 Florida Legislature. It directs the Chief of Legislative Services to send a copy of the adopted resolution to the FDOT District 2 Secretary and to the members of the Duval Legislative Delegation.

Background Information: JSO Officer Scott Eric Bell, a 7-year veteran of the force, was killed in the line of duty in 2008 when a drunk driver collided with his patrol car on Hecksher Drive as he was returning from a call. The 2023 Florida Legislature enacted a bill (HB 21) that authorizes the honorary naming of a portion of the road for Officer Bell, which requires the approval of the local government where the road is located by means of a resolution of support before signs can be erected. This resolution will express the council's support for the erection of the memorial signage.

Policy Impact Area: JSO officer commemoration

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements