

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2019-334

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: May 15, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 15, 2019

Type of Action: Resolution supporting Florida Legislature bill

Bill Summary: This bill expresses support for Florida Senate Bill 64, which passed in the 2019 session and makes honorary designations of transportation facilities throughout Florida and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers for those designations. According to Section 334.071, *Florida Statutes*, a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Through this resolution, the City requests that FDOT erect suitable markers designating a portion of I-295/East Beltway 295 between Alta Drive and Pulaski Road in Duval County as “Officer Lance Christian Whitaker Highway”.

Background Information: Officer Lance Christian Whitaker began his career in law enforcement with the Atlantic Beach Police Department, followed by 17 years with Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Officer Whitaker was killed in a crash in May 2018 on I-295 between Alta Drive and Pulaski Road when his patrol car ran off the road while responding to a separate crash. Designating the portion of I-295's east beltway as Officer Lance Christian Whitaker Highway will create a lasting memorial to the officer in the place where he tragically lost his life.

Policy Impact Area: Honorific road marker

Fiscal Impact: FDOT is responsible for the installation of road markers; no direct cost to the City.

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