

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 293  
By: Springer  
Transportation  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Many people still remember the tragic death of Game Warden Joseph "Joe" Marshall Evans as a result of a car accident while he was on duty near Graham in the summer of 1965. There is an effort to honor his memory in the Graham area, and it is entirely appropriate to do so through a memorial highway designation in that area. C.S.H.B. 293 seeks to commemorate the life and service of Warden Evans.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 293 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 16 in Young County from the Palo Pinto County line northwest to the municipal limits of Graham as the Texas Game Warden Joseph Marshall Evans 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 highway number, the designation as the Texas Game Warden Joseph Marshall Evans 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, 2015.

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

While C.S.H.B. 293 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial 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 225.106 to read as follows:

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

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Sec. 225.106. TEXAS GAME WARDEN JOSEPH MARSHALL EVANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion of State Highway 16 in Young County from the Palo Pinto County line northeast to the municipal limits of Graham is designated as the Texas Game Warden Joseph Marshall Evans Memorial Highway.

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

(1) design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Texas Game Warden Joseph Marshall Evans Memorial Highway, 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 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.