

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1303
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties assert that the heroism and sacrifice of U.S. Army Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez of El Campo should be honored. H.B. 1303 seeks to memorialize Mr. Benavidez by designating a portion of State Highway 71 as the Roy P. Benavidez 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. 1303 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 71 in Wharton County between its intersection with the Colorado County line and Farm-to-Market Road 2765 as the Roy P. Benavidez 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 Roy P. Benavidez 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

September 1, 2017.