

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently purchased land in southwest Dallas for use as a national cemetery. The parcel of land on which the new cemetery will be located partially abuts the Dallas Baptist University Campus and is between Mountain Creek Lake and Spur 408. The Texas National Cemetery Foundation, Inc., is requesting that Spur 408 be renamed "Patriot Parkway." The City of Dallas has issued a resolution concurring with the Texas National Cemetery Foundation. Legislative approval is required to rename Spur 408.

H.B. 1299 would designate a portion of Spur 408 in Dallas County as Patriot Parkway to commemorate the achievements of veterans buried at the national cemetery in Dallas County.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1299 designates a portion of Spur 408 in Dallas County as Patriot Parkway to commemorate the achievements of veterans buried at the national cemetery in Dallas County.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 225B, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.034, as follows:

Sec. 225.034. PATRIOT PARKWAY. Provides that to commemorate the achievements of veterans buried at the national cemetery in Dallas County, Spur 408 in Dallas County from Interstate Highway 20 to Loop 12 is designated as Patriot Parkway. Requires the Department of Transportation (department) to design and construct memorial markers indicating the highway number, the designation as Patriot Parkway, and any other appropriate information. Requires the department to erect a memorial marker at each end of the memorial highway and at intermediate sites along the highway that the department determines are appropriate.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.