

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Stephen M. Mills was a member of SEAL Team THREE and was later selected to be a naval Special Warfare Development Group Operator and reported for duty on the East Coast where he completed numerous deployments around the world in support of the global war on terrorism.

He was a highly decorated combat veteran with numerous honors, including two Bronze Star Medals with Valor, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, a Purple Heart Medal, and many more personal and unit awards and decorations.

Chief Petty officer Mills died while conducting special operations as a member of Navy Special Warfare in Afghanistan on August 6, 2010. He is survived by his loving wife, sons and daughter, parents, sister, and brother as well as numerous other family, friends, and teammates, who, thanks to him, know that heroes do exist.

H.B. 3568 designates the structure on Loop 150 in the City of Bastrop connecting the east and west banks of the Colorado River as the Chief Petty Officer (SOC) Stephen "Matt" Mills Bridge.

H.B. 3568 amends current law relating to the designation of the structure on Loop 150 in the city of Bastrop connecting the east and west banks of the Colorado River as the Chief Petty Officer (SOC) Stephen "Matt" Mills Bridge.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.085, as follows:

Sec. 225.085. CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (SOC) STEPHEN "MATT" MILLS BRIDGE.

(a) Designates the structure on Loop 150 located in the city of Bastrop connecting the east and west banks of the Colorado River as the Chief Petty Officer (SOC) Stephen "Matt" Mills Bridge.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to providing that TxDOT is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker under this subchapter unless a grant or donation of funds is made to TxDOT to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker), to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Chief Petty Officer (SOC) Stephen "Matt" Mills Bridge and any other appropriate information, and erect a marker at each end of the structure.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.