

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

William "Bill" Crooker served as a bombardier with the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. On December 6, 1944, his plane took on heavy fire and was seized in northern Germany. He and his fellow airmen endured severe hardships until they were liberated on May 1, 1945. Upon returning to Big Spring, he was elected to serve as Howard County commissioner for four decades. During his time in office, he gave generously of his time and numerous other talents, proving himself as an exceptional civic leader and public servant. This bill seeks to honor Bill Crooker by designating a portion of Highway 87 as the William B. (Bill) Crooker Truck Relief Route. Mr. Crooker passed away on February 9, 2015. He was 91.

S.B. 489 amends the Transportation Code to designate the Highway 87 truck relief route in Howard County as the William B. (Bill) Crooker Truck Relief Route.

As proposed, S.B. 489 designates the U.S. Highway 87 truck relief route in Howard County as the William B. (Bill) Crooker Truck Relief Route.

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 225.102, as follows:

Sec. 225.102. WILLIAM B. (BILL) CROOKER TRUCK RELIEF ROUTE. (a) Provides that, notwithstanding Section 225.001(c) (relating to the naming of Texas highway systems), the U.S. Highway 87 truck relief route, if any, in Howard County is designated as the William B. (Bill) Crooker Truck Relief Route. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a market without a grant or donation to cover the costs), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the William B. (Bill) Crooker Truck Relief Route 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. Effective date: September 1, 2015.