

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 938  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties note that the recent passing of Officer Endy Ekpanya has sparked calls for recognition of his honorable service with the Pearland Police Department. These parties believe that his courage, dedication, and genuine desire to help others deserve an appropriate acknowledgement. H.B. 938 seeks to honor Endy Ekpanya's accomplishments with a memorial highway designation.

H.B. 938 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of Farm-to-Market Road 518 in Pearland between its intersection with State Highway 35 and Sunset Meadows Drive as the Officer Endy Ekpanya Memorial Highway.

H.B. 938 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 518 in Pearland as the Officer Endy Ekpanya Memorial Highway.

### **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 225.123, as follows:

Sec. 225.123. OFFICER ENDY EKPANYA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Farm-to-Market Road 518 in Pearland between its intersection with State Highway 35 and Sunset Meadows Drive is designated as the Officer Endy Ekpanya Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made) to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Officer Endy Ekpanya 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. Effective date: September 1, 2017.