

AGENDA ITEM 17

Consider approving a resolution supporting SB 233 relating to Highway 195.

Commissioner Boatright stated that this is an honorary name for Highway 195.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a resolution supporting SB 233 relating to Highway 195.

Vote: **5 – 0**

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By:

FRASERS.B. No. 233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 195 as the
3 Phantom Warriors Highway.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 225.049 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 225.049. PHANTOM WARRIORS HIGHWAY. (a) State Highway
8 195 from the southern municipal boundary of Florence to the
9 terminus of State Highway 195 in Killeen is designated as the
10 Phantom Warriors Highway.

11 (b) The department shall design and construct markers
12 indicating the highway number, the designation as the Phantom
13 Warriors Highway, and any other appropriate information.

14 (c) The department shall erect a marker at each end of the
15 highway and at any appropriate intermediate sites along the
16 highway.

17 (d) In this section, a reference to the southern municipal
18 boundary of Florence or to the terminus of State Highway 195 in
19 Killeen means the boundary and terminus as they existed on January
20 1, 2003.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

approved 3-11-03
John C. Daefler

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MEMO TO: Williamson County Commissioners
FROM: Kris Augenstine, Office of Senator Troy Fraser
DATE: 6 March 2003 updated
RE: Background for SB 233

State District 24 Sen. Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay has filed SB 233 relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 195 as the Phantom Warriors Highway.

The bill would designate a portion of Highway 195 from the south municipal boundary of Florence to the end of Highway 195 in Killeen as the Phantom Warriors Highway in recognition of the soldiers at III Corps and Fort Hood. The legislation calls for name markers at both ends of the designated portion of roadway.

If the Williamson County Commissioners approve of the legislation and designation, the legislation may be amended to extend the designation all the way through Williamson County to Interstate 35.

The legislation would not change the State Highway 195 name. It would only add the Phantom Warriors designation to the highway section.

The term appears to have been coined by the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. III Corps earned the nickname, the "Phantom Corps," by hitting the enemy when and where they least expected it. Subsequently, the soldiers picked up the nickname, Phantom Warriors, according to the Fort Hood Public Affairs Office.

Highway 195 is a primary route used by Fort Hood to access Interstate 35 and subsequently the coast during deployments. Adding the "Phantom Warrior Highway" designation to the highway would remind the soldiers of the pride the community and state place in them, especially in times when they are headed out to defend our nation in other parts of the world.

The city of Killeen and surrounding area take great pride in supporting Fort Hood and its soldiers and their families. As the state begins to prepare for the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process, this would be a small, yet significant, means of indicating the great community and state support surrounding of Fort Hood and all of the US military. In making its decisions, the Department of Defense will be looking for state and community commitment to the military bases.

The Florence City Council, Killeen City Council and Bell County Commissioners have asserted their approval of the legislation.

AGENDA ITEM 18

Discuss and consider a resolution encouraging construction of freight rail in the SH 130 corridor.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a resolution encouraging construction of freight rail in the SH 130 corridor.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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