



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.7.

12/19/2023

Subject:

Approval, Re: Resolution Designating the State Road 405 Bridge as the "Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge" - District 1

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

Public Works Department

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution authorizing the designation of the State Road 405 Bridge as the "Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge".

Summary Explanation and Background:

On June 18, 1983, Sally Ride made history as both the youngest American astronaut and first American woman to fly to space while participating in the Space Shuttle *Challenger* STS-7 mission. In 1986, Sally Ride was appointed to the Rogers Commission, the Presidential Commission charged with investigating the 1986 Challenger disaster, as head of the commission's Subcommittee on Operations, and was both the only Space Shuttle astronaut and current NASA employee on the commission.

Groundbreaking for constructing two high-level fixed bridges to replace the existing NASA Causeway bridge commenced on December 14, 2021. The construction of the bridges marks a new era for Florida's Space Coast and supports the innovation and growth of the space industry. The new 4,025-foot-long span will be a critical corridor for SpaceX and Blue Origin commercial spaceflights. Naming this vital bridge the Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge will honor her legacy, acknowledge the history of females in space, and inspire generations of females considering a career in the STEM fields.

On January 10, 2023, the Board approved and authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support addressed to Representative Tyler Sirois in support of this road designation. Memorial designations on transportation facilities in Florida are accomplished jointly through an Act of the Florida Legislature and a Resolution from the appropriate local government. Upon official designation by the Florida Legislature, it is the responsibility of the legislative sponsors of the designation to obtain local Resolutions in accordance with Section 334.071(3), F.S. Florida Legislature officially designated the referenced portion of State Road 405 on July 7, 2023.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please return the fully executed Resolution to the Public Works Department for forwarding to the Florida Department of Transportation.



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director

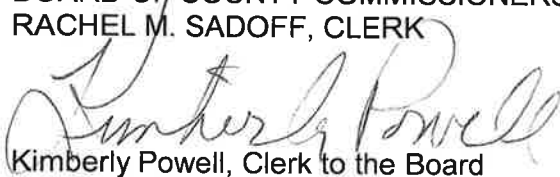
RE: Item F.7., Approval for Resolution Designating the State Road 405 Bridge as the "Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge"

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 19, 2023, executed and adopted Resolution No. 23-149, authorizing the designation of the State Road 405 Bridge as the "Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge". Enclosed is a fully-executed Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/ds

Encl. (1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-149

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SR 405 BRIDGE OVER THE INDIAN RIVER IN BREVARD COUNTY AS “DR. SALLY RIDE MEMORIAL BRIDGE” IN HONOR OF DR. SALLY RIDE; AND ERECTION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF SUITABLE MARKERS PROCLAIMING SAID DESIGNATION.

Whereas, on June 18, 1983, Sally Ride made history aboard the Space Shuttle *Challenger* STS-7 mission as both the youngest American astronaut and the first American woman to fly in space; and

Whereas, Sally Ride was appointed to the Rogers Commission, the Presidential Commission charged with investigating the 1986 Challenger disaster, as head of the commission’s Subcommittee on Operations, and was both the only Space Shuttle astronaut and current NASA employee on the commission; and

Whereas, groundbreaking for construction of two high-level fixed bridges to replace the existing NASA Causeway bridge commenced on December 14, 2021, marking a new era for Florida’s Space Coast and supporting innovation and growth of the space industry; and

Whereas, on January 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Chair sign a Letter of Support addressed to Representative Tyler Sirois naming the SR 405 bridge the “Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge”; and

Whereas, on July 7, 2023, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted Chapter 2023-317 relating to transportation facility designations, including designation of SR 405 as outlined herein.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by Brevard County:

1. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) hereby supports the designation of the newly construction SR 405 bridge in Brevard County as “Dr. Sally Ride Memorial Bridge.”
2. The Board hereby encourages the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers for the above-described designation.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Florida Department of Transportation.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 19th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Rachel Sadoff, Clerk



Jason Steele, Chair

As approved by the Board 12/19/2023.