BILL ANALYSIS

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Honorable George E. "Buddy" West of Odessa, a highly respected member of the Texas House of Representatives, passed away on June 25, 2008, at the age of 71. Over the course of his notable tenure, which spanned from 1992 until his death, Representative West served constituents in Ector, Andrews, and Winkler Counties, earning the appreciation and admiration of countless people along the way; he was particularly active in the areas of energy policy and education, chairing the House Committee on Energy Resources, contributing to committees on public education and higher education, and supporting the growth of his alma mater, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; moreover, he was always a strong advocate for Odessa, the city he called home for more than 60 years. The Texas Legislature has a long history of honoring groups and individuals by designating highways, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure in their honor, and Buddy West's exemplary contributions to the Lone Star State make him especially worthy of such a tribute.

RESOLVED

That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby request the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to designate the overpass at the intersection of Highway 20 and Highway 338 in Odessa as the Buddy West Memorial Overpass.

That, subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to TxDOT not being required to design, construct, or erect a marker unless certain conditions are met), Transportation Code, TxDOT design and construct memorial markers indicating the designation of the overpass as the Buddy West Memorial Overpass and any other appropriate information and erect a marker at each end of the overpass.

That the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the chair of the Texas Transportation Commission and the executive director of TxDOT.