

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Judge Bascom Bentley, III, a man admired by many in Palestine, passed away on Monday December 11, 2017. Judge Bentley served as the Texas 369th District Judge for 28 years. Given Judge Bentley's lifelong accomplishments as an attorney, judge, and mentor, there have been calls from Palestine to honor his life and career with a memorial roadway designation in his name. H.B. 2521 seeks to recognize Judge Bentley by designating State Loop 256 in the City of Palestine as the Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop.

H.B. 2521 amends current law relating to the designation of State Loop 256 in Palestine as the Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop.

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 225.190, as follows:

Sec. 225.190. BASCOM W. BENTLEY III MEMORIAL LOOP. (a) Provides that State Loop 256 in the city of Palestine is designated as the Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to the grant of a donation of funds made to TxDOT to cover the cost of the marker), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop and any other appropriate information; and
- (2) erect a marker at appropriate sites along the loop.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.