

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF STATE ROAD 5./U.S. 1, BETWEEN NORTHEAST 38TH STREET AND EAST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AS "PHIL SMITH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY," AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Subsection (4) of version S 628 of Senate Bill 628 in the 2026 Florida Legislature, which was signed into law on April 14, 2026, and became effective on July 1, 2026, provides that "[t]hat portion of S.R. 5/U.S. 1 between the northeast 38th Street and E Commercial Boulevard in Broward County is designated as "Phil Smith Memorial Highway."; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida House of Representatives' Final Bill Analysis prepared by the nonpartisan committee staff, citing Holy Cross Health, Neurosciences, <https://www.holy-cross.com/services/neurosciences> (last visited Feb. 6, 2026),

Philip P. 'Phil' Smith was an auto dealer and philanthropist who passed away at the age of 70 in 2016 after a battle with ALS, known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Under the Phil Smith Management Co., he led an auto dealership and property management company with 780 employees and some \$500 million in annual revenue. Smith once owned as many as 17 auto dealerships in Florida and North Carolina. He also owned the Coral Ridge Country Club in Fort Lauderdale. Among their many charitable contributions, he and his wife donated a \$5 million gift to Florida Atlantic University's College of Business in Boca Raton and a \$7 million gift in [dollars] to Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale to create the Phil Smith Neuroscience Institute at Holy Cross Hospital.;

and

WHEREAS, Subsection 334.071(3), Florida Statutes (2025), provides, in part, that "[e]rection of markers shall be contingent on the appropriate city or county commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary designation."; and

WHEREAS, that portion of State Road/U.S. 1 between Northeast 38th Street and East Commercial Boulevard is located within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission supports the honorary designation of “[t]hat portion of S.R. 5/U.S. 1, between Northeast 38th Street and East Commercial Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, as “Phil Smith Memorial Highway.”

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

City Attorney
SHARI L. McCARTNEY

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