

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 88

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE ROAD 50 BETWEEN THE SUMTER COUNTY LINE AND LEE ROAD IN LAKE COUNTY AS THE "SERGEANT JESS THOMAS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Jess Thomas was born on March 8, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, lived all of his short life in Mascotte, and graduated from Groveland High School in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, Jess Thomas was drafted soon after graduation from high school, completed his training and was sent to Vietnam in 1967 as a Sergeant; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 1968, while on a mission, Jess was killed while saving the lives of his fellow men; and

**WHEREAS**, Jess Thomas was honored by a military ceremony in Orlando, Florida, and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Bill 820 which has been signed into law by Governor Scott and is now known as Chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, this law creates the Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway which covers that portion of State Road 50 between the Sumter County line and Lee Road in Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation will take the lead in implementing the law, including producing and installing recognition signage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, fully support the legislature and agree that Jess Thomas should be recognized in his home county.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, that:

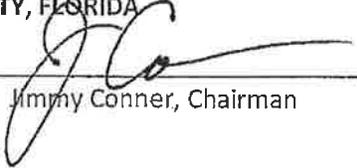
1. State Road 50 between the Sumter County line and Lee Road in Lake County shall be designated as "Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway."

2. The State of Florida Department of Transportation is hereby requested to erect suitable markers designating this portion of State Road 50 as the "Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway."

Resolution 2014-~~88~~<sup>87</sup> - Designating a Portion of State Road 50 as the "Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway".

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22 day of July, 2014.

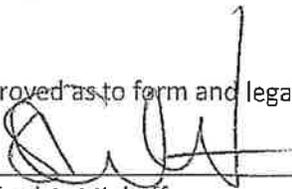
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LAKE  
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
Jimmy Conner, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Neil Kelly, Clerk of the Board of  
County Commissioners of Lake  
County, Florida

Approved as to form and legality:

  
Sanford A. Minkoff  
County Attorney