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Restore Builder's Name to Davis Causeway

TAMPA — In reading the March 5 Tribune, I found the article in "Florida Accent" on the Davis Causeway. I found the article extremely interesting due to the fact that my name is Milton H. Davis Sr., brother of D. P. Davis, builder and developer of Davis Islands.

Both my brother and I were personal friends of Captain Ben Davis. The hours we spent with the Captain listening to his plans about the building of Davis Causeway—a dream that he so decently struggled to achieve under most difficult circumstances.

I have followed the campaign to restore the name of the Causeway back to the original and most deserved Davis Causeway since the beginning with the

first article in The Tampa Times December 14. Within two weeks after this article appeared, Courtney Campbell died.

In my days I have seen many important people without means during those times struggling to achieve different difficult projects. Captain Ben Davis was one of the most beloved who deserves much credit. I am proud of my state. I would like very much to see and to know in my elderly years that justice is done to restore the rightful owner's name to Davis Causeway.

Brother Floridians know as well as I do that Captain Ben Davis built the Davis Causeway so let us honor our pioneer Captain Ben Davis in restoring his name to Davis Causeway.

MILTON H. DAVIS SR.

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Let's Rename It Davis Causeway

TAMPA — The original name of Davis Causeway should be renewed.

It is only proper and fitting that we honor the name of Davis since Captain Ben conceived the idea of spanning old Tampa Bay and with the aid of his family he built it.

Countless residents of the Tampa-Clearwater area have benefited down through the years from this historical accomplishment and I feel confident that the greatest majority of them would highly endorse the proposed change.

Why not pay tribute to Captain Ben Davis by having the facility renamed Davis Causeway?

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