

V.F. COURTNEY CAMPBELL CAUSEWAY

# CAUSEWAY TO BE NAMED FOR C. CAMPBELL

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The nine-mile Davis Causeway on Jan. 9 will be rededicated and renamed Courtney Campbell Parkway, in honor of the State Road Department member instrumental in effecting major repairs and beautification there, Secretary Paul Ficht of the Chamber of Commerce reported today.

Among the dignitaries invited to attend are Governor Millard Caldwell and his cabinet members of the State Road Department, Senators Claude Pepper and Spessard Holland, and Congressman J. Hardin Peterson.

Governor Caldwell is expected to open the ceremonies with an address, followed by speeches from other officials.

Activities will include a noon fish fry held in the small park at the Clearwater end of the causeway and at one the program will be broadcast over WCLE, Clearwater, WTSP and WSUN, St. Petersburg, and WFLA and WALT, Tampa.

The dedication has been timed to coincide with the regular meeting of the State Road Department in Tampa, as this meeting will bring county commissioners and road officials from every county in the state, who are invited to attend the ceremony.

The causeway, once a great expanse of white sand, has been beautified with many Australian pines, cabbage palms and flowering plants, including red hibiscus and oleanders.

Courtney Campbell Parkway will be the first of its kind in the state. Along the 18 mile shoreline of the causeway there are scattered more than 70 picnic shelters, each consisting of a covered pavilion seating from 12 to 50; barbecue pits and stone incinerators for the refuse. All shelters are within a stone's throw from the Old Tampa Bay. Paths along the causeway lead to the water where boats can be launched from trailers.

A million dollars has been spent during the past two years by the road department in raising the general surface several feet and bulkheading the south shore.

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