

Fremont City Council supports naming US 20 bypass Charles Woodson Way

Statehouse bill would honor football star and Ross HS grad

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FREMONT - In honor of one of the city's most famous sons, Fremont City Council approved a resolution Thursday to support a statehouse bill that would change the name of a U.S. 20 bypass section to Charles Woodson Way.

Woodson, a former Fremont Ross High School standout, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2021 in February.

"I think this is an important thing to celebrate Charles Woodson's accomplishments," said council member Justin Smith of renaming the bypass.

Mayor Danny Sanchez said the bypass section from the city's east side to the city limits on the west side would be renamed in Woodson's honor.

Sanchez said Woodson was more than just a football player and served as a community leader and mentor.

"He's been a leader off the field and on the field," Sanchez said.

State Rep. Gary Click, R-Vickery, announced he will hold a Wednesday press conference in Columbus with local officials and members of Fremont Ross High School on Click's legislation designating the Route 20 bypass in Fremont as Charles Woodson Way.

The bill honors Woodson's recent induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



Woodson, a Heisman Trophy winner from Michigan, played in 254 games over 18 seasons, making a sudden impact as the defensive rookie of the year for the Packers, according to USA TODAY.

His 65 interceptions is tied for fifth in league history and includes at least one in each of his pro seasons. He led the NFL in interceptions twice, with nine in 2009 and seven in 2011.

Click's press conference on the Charles Woodson Way Route 20 Bypass Bill is scheduled to take place Wednesday at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium at 11 a.m.

The press conference will also be live-streamed at ohiochannel.org.

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