

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(x)

TO: Hon. Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 17, 2003

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating a
portion of SW 112 Street as
Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Way

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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6-17-03

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING SW 112TH STREET FROM
SW 157TH AVENUE TO SW 162ND AVENUE AS DR. GILBERT
L. PORTER WAY

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider codesignating SW 112th Street from SW 157th Avenue to SW 162nd Avenue as Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Way; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter was an educator who served with public schools in Florida, ending his career with the Dade County Public School system. He earned his A.B. from Talladega College, his M.A. from the University of Michigan, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter distinguished himself by serving as the first full-time Executive Secretary of the Florida State Teachers Association, which was a professional organization for African-American educators in the 1950's and 1960's. As Florida's public schools were being fully integrated, that organization merged with the Classroom Teachers Association in 1968 and Dr. Porter was named Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. This was a time of a great challenge to the public schools of Dade County, and Dr. Porter served admirably in this important position, helping to build bridges and lay the foundations for a new era in history. He served admirably until his retirement in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter's professional memberships and achievements are too numerous to list here, but the most notable will be mentioned -- He was a Rockefeller Foundation scholar, he was recognized by the National Alliance of Black School Educators in 1976, as well as various professional educational associations throughout Florida; he served on

the Equal Opportunity Committee for Miami-Dade Junior (now Community) College; he served as a member of the State Commission on University Outreach and the Urban League of Greater Miami; he was an active member of the Florida and National Education Associations; and he co-authored a book, *History of the Florida State Teachers Association*, in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter's accomplishments were not limited to the educational field. He served on the Board of Directors for the Miami March of Dimes in the 1960's and the United Protestant Appeal in the 1980's; he was a three-time delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth, and to President Johnson's Special White House Conference on Education in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter was recognized on two occasions (1987, 1992) by Dade County for his civic, humanitarian and educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter passed away in 1995 and is survived by his wife and several children and grandchildren, most of whom still live locally; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Porter with this codesignation; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 11,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board approves the codesignation of SW 112th Street from SW 157th Avenue to SW 162nd Avenue as Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Way.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Authority, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works Department and Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, the Police Department, and the Fire Department.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrian D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of July, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

RAG

Robert A. Ginsburg