

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5 (BB)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 12, 2006

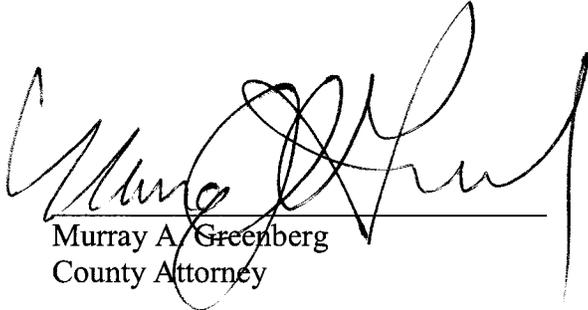
**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution codesignating  
portion of NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
as Betty T. Ferguson Blvd.  
and urging cities of Opa-locka  
and Miami Gardens to do  
the same

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

Rule 9.02(d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Board of County Commissioners provides, in relevant part, that a road shall not be named after a living individual who has served as an elected County official within the last five years. Therefore, adoption of the attached resolution would require suspension of Rule 9.02(d) pursuant to Rule 7.01(n) which provides: "No rule of procedure adopted by this board shall be suspended except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the commissioners present."



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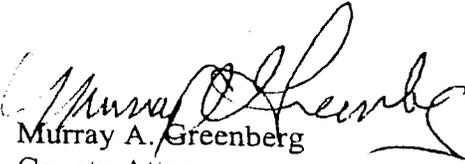
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Please note any items checked.

- "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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-12-06

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING NW 22<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE FROM ALI BABA TO NW 183<sup>RD</sup> STREET AS BETTY T. FERGUSON BOULEVARD, AND URGING THE CITIES OF OPA-LOCKA AND MIAMI GARDENS TO DO THE SAME

**WHEREAS**, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider codesignating and urging the cities of Opa-locka and Miami Gardens to codesignate NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Ali Baba to NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street as Betty T. Ferguson Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson was born on January 28, 1945 in Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, she is the widow of the late U.S. District Court Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. and the mother of two children, a daughter, Tawnicia Rowan, and a son, Wilkie Ferguson, III; and

**WHEREAS**, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson attended Miami-Dade County Public Schools, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida A&M University, a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Ohio State University and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in 1996 by Florida Memorial College; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Speech, Hearing, and Language Association certified her as a Speech Pathologist, and she started her teaching career as a professor at Howard University in 1967, and later taught at Florida Memorial College; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a Speech and English-as-a-Second Language professor at Miami-Dade Community College North Campus from 1971 until her retirement in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson was first elected to office in 1993 and was re-elected twice without opposition, having served as the District One Commissioner for eleven (11) years. On March 16, 2004 she announced her decision not to seek a fourth term; and

**WHEREAS**, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson initiated many positive changes in District One, including Carol City Police Station #9, the Bunche Park Fire Station, the Honey Hill Fire Station, funding for the development of a \$12-million dollar plus Carol City Community Center, \$20 million directed to District One for drainage and sidewalk improvements and safe routes to school, a recreation center at Carol City Park, Metrobus circulator service, \$1 million Life Support Initiative to provide grants to needy qualified municipal retail water and sewer customers, the creation of the new City of Miami Gardens, and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements to a 2-mile stretch of Miami Gardens Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson, as a lead plaintiff in the lawsuit that created district elections of County Commissioners in Miami-Dade County, is the founder of UP-PAC (Unrepresented People's Positive Action Council), a community breakfast forum that has been meeting every Saturday to discuss community problems since 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson has been honored numerous times for her leadership, courage, service and dedication to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the college professor and veteran activist is known as a “fearless fighter” with unblemished distinction and has received, among others, the following awards: “Woman of Impact” 1995, Community Coalition for Women’s History, Inc., “Sister of the Year” 1995 from the Concerned African Woman, Inc. and Distinguished Educator Award from the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson for her leadership, courage, service and dedication to the community with this codesignation; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 1,

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

Section 1. This Board finds that former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community and approves the co-designation of NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Ali Baba to NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street as Betty T. Ferguson Boulevard. The Board further urges the Cities of Opa-locka and Miami Gardens to do the same.

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

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Works Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, the Manager of the City of Opa-locka and the Manager of the City of Miami Gardens.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

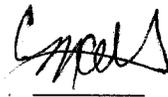
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September , 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Murray A. Greenberg