

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 5(D)

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

**DATE:** September 4, 2012

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution codesignating a  
portion of SW 152 Street as  
"Reverend John A. Ferguson  
Street"; urging the Florida  
Legislature to codesignate a  
portion of SW 152 Street as  
"Reverend John A. Ferguson  
Street"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-4-12

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING SW 152 STREET FROM SW 117 AVENUE TO SW 137 AVENUE AS "REVEREND JOHN A. FERGUSON STREET"; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CODESIGNATE SW 152 STREET FROM SW 99 COURT TO SW 117 AVENUE AS "REVEREND JOHN A. FERGUSON STREET"

**WHEREAS**, Reverend John Alphonso Ferguson was born on July 23, 1923 in Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from George Washington Carver Senior High School in 1941 and served in the United States Navy for 21 years during World War II and the Korean Conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Ferguson graduated from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia in 1947, and the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, he and his wife Anita had five children, three boys and two girls; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964, Reverend Ferguson founded the Second Baptist Church in Richmond Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Ferguson served with distinction for 36 years as Pastor of the Second Baptist Church, retiring in September, 2000 when he was designated as Pastor Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, from an initial membership of 53, the Second Baptist Church grew under the leadership of Reverend Ferguson to a congregation of more than 800 members by the time of his retirement, with the congregation now numbering approximately 1,400; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to leading the growing community of parishioners at the Second Baptist Church, Reverend Ferguson served on the School Desegregation Committee established by federal Judge Clyde Atkins and the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board and by chairing the Richmond Heights Community Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2000, the Miami-Dade County School Board named a high school in southwest Miami-Dade County in Reverend Ferguson's honor, John A. Ferguson Senior High School, located at 15900 S.W. 56 Street in Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Ferguson died on July 26, 2012 at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, SW 152 Street from SW 117 Avenue to SW 137 Avenue is a county road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, and SW 152 Street from SW 99 Court to SW 117 Avenue is a state road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor the memory of Reverend John A. Ferguson and his contributions to the lives of many people in this community by codesignating SW 152 Street from SW 117 Avenue to SW 137 Avenue as "Reverend John A. Ferguson Street", and by requesting that the Florida Legislature codesignate SW 152 Street from SW 99 Court to SW 117 Avenue as "Reverend John A. Ferguson Street"; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 9,

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

**Section 1.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates SW 152 Street from SW 117 Avenue to SW 137 Avenue as "Reverend John A. Ferguson Street."

**Section 2.** Urges the Florida Legislature to codesignate SW 152 Street from SW 99 Court to SW 117 Avenue as Reverend John A. Ferguson Street.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works and Waste Management Department, the Zoning and Platting Division of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, the Miami-Dade County Police Department and the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in Section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2013 state legislative package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was 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	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012. 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.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty