

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 22, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution naming the new  
Miami-Dade Children's  
Courthouse the "Judge Seymour  
Gelber & Judge William E.  
Gladstone Miami-Dade  
Children's Courthouse" by a  
three-fifths vote of Board  
members present

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Co-Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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 Mayor'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 \_\_\_\_\_

10-22-13

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEW MIAMI-DADE CHILDREN'S COURTHOUSE THE "JUDGE SEYMOUR GELBER & JUDGE WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE MIAMI-DADE CHILDREN'S COURTHOUSE" BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

**WHEREAS**, a new Miami-Dade Children's Courthouse is currently being constructed at 155 N.W. 3 Street, Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to name the new Children's Courthouse in honor of two judges who have made substantial contributions over many decades to the children of this community, Judge Seymour Gelber and Judge William E. Gladstone; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Seymour Gelber was appointed to the Circuit Court Bench in 1974, and he continues to this date at the age of 93 to sit as a Senior Judge in the Family, Child Support Division; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his appointment, Judge Gelber was assigned to the Juvenile Division, and he served as Administrative Judge for the Division until his mandatory retirement in 1990 at age of 70; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Gelber was a World War II veteran who enrolled in the University of Miami's School of Law through the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill, graduating in 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1956 to 1968, Gelber served as an Assistant State Attorney in the office of State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein; and

**WHEREAS**, he then moved to Tallahassee to work as an Assistant Attorney General, until he was appointed Judge by Governor Reuben Askew; and

**WHEREAS**, he received a Master's Degree in Criminology at Florida State University in 1968, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education in 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, after his retirement as a judge, Judge Gelber was elected Mayor of the City of Miami Beach in 1991 where he served three terms; and

**WHEREAS**, he returned to the judiciary as a Senior Judge in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Gelber has written six books covering the juvenile court and other areas of criminal justice; and

**WHEREAS**, his latest book "On Behalf of Children" was published in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge William E. Gladstone, a graduate of Yale Law School, was elected as Circuit Judge in 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Gladstone was appointed to the Juvenile Division where he chose to remain for his 32-year career, returning to the bench as a Senior Judge until his full retirement in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, during this time, Judge Gladstone assisted in the placement, motivation, treatment and education of dependent children and delinquent youths who came before him; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Gladstone worked with Judge Cindy Lederman to expand the Miami Safe Start Initiative that provides support for babies and mothers who come before the dependency court system; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Gladstone also created the Last Chance Ranch, a facility for violent youths; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 1993, Judge Gladstone went to Washington, D.C. as an advisor to then-U.S. Senator Bob Graham, where he helped to design the “Youth Environmental Service” program; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual William E. Gladstone Award is awarded by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court and Governor of Florida to the greatest contributor to the courts’ neglected and abused children; and

**WHEREAS**, the William E. Gladstone Campus/Dade Marine Institute, a program for delinquent Youth was named after Judge Gladstone, as was the Gladstone Center which is a Program for abused girls operated by CHARLEE (Children Have All Rights: Legal, Educational & Emotional) of Dade County, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Gladstone was recognized by the Attorney’s Division of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation with the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award for his distinguished 40 year career on the bench and his vocal advocacy of the rights of dependent children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor these exemplary judges by naming the new Miami-Dade Children’s Courthouse in their honor based on their significant contributions to the children of this community over many decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Rules 9.02 of the Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedure provides that the Board may by a three-fifths vote of Board members present name a County

facility after a living individual who has not served as an elected official within the past five years and who has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed naming is located in County Commission District 3,

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

**Section 1.** Finds that Judge Seymour Gelber and Judge William E. Gladstone have each made direct, significant lifetime contributions to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d) of the Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedure.

**Section 2.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present, names the new Miami-Dade Children's Courthouse located at 155 N.W. 3 Street as the "Judge Seymour Gelber & Judge William E. Gladstone Miami-Dade Children's Courthouse".

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Miami-Dade Internal Services Department and the City Manager for the City of Miami.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and the Co-Sponsor is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Jean Monestime  
Sen. Javier D. Souto  
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Dennis C. Moss  
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2013. 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