

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

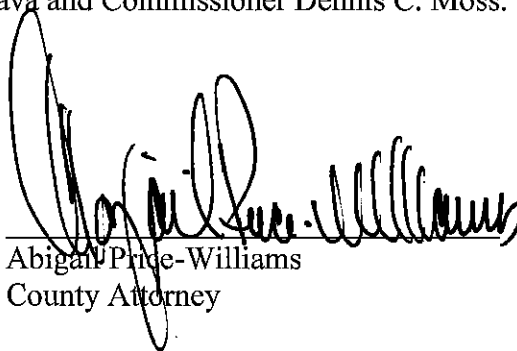
**DATE:** November 15, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution codesignating that  
portion of S.W 127th Avenue  
between S.W. 184th Street and  
S.W. 256th Street as "Burr  
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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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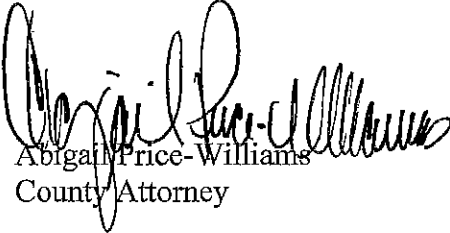
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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Statement of social equity 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  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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11-15-16

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

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF S.W.  
127TH AVENUE BETWEEN S.W. 184TH STREET AND S.W.  
256TH STREET AS "BURR ROAD"

**WHEREAS**, Charles Raymond Burr was born on June 6, 1922 at the place known today as Burr's Berry Farm, where his parents settled and opened a farming business after coming to Florida from Washington D.C. in the late 1800s; and

**WHEREAS**, Burr's Berry Farm is located at 12741 S.W. 216th Street, off of S.W. 127th Avenue and S.W. 216th Street in Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic home of Charles Burr's birth, built in 1921 at Burr's Berry Farm, remains largely unchanged to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Burr will forever be known in this area as the Strawberry King due to his passion for producing some of the best strawberries in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, he planted his first crop of berries in 1960, and sold berries at the farm and at local grocery stores in Miami-Dade County, to which he would often make personal deliveries himself; and

**WHEREAS**, one of Burr's favorite snacks was ice cream, and as he looked for ways to diversify his berry business, he started selling milkshakes and strawberry ice cream at Burr's Berry Farm beginning in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, to sharpen his agricultural skills, Burr also took classes at a local Redland School that held agricultural courses from the University of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Burr was instrumental in developing methods of irrigation like the drip tube irrigation system to conserve water; and

**WHEREAS**, Burr was the recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star from service in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, he enjoyed flying his piper cub around the Redlands, and the old Burr landing strip, although no longer in use, is still found on many maps and charts of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Burr passed away in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, the Burr family founded the Charlie Burr Agricultural Scholarship Fund through the Redland Citizens Association, which supports graduate students interested in agricultural sciences and practices in south Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in the years since Burr's passing, this very popular berry farm and fruit stand continued to dispense thousands of quarts of first rate strawberries, delicious milkshakes, and other treats to locals and tourists each season under the direction of his wife Mary and family; and

**WHEREAS**, although residential and commercial areas have expanded in the surrounding area in recent years, Burr's Berry Farm remains as a reminder of the pioneering agricultural history of south Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the fresh locally grown produce offering has expanded and a vertical growing system was installed so customers can now pick their own berries with no bending or stooping; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Mary finally decided it was time to retire and handed management over to trusted friends, but she still visits the stand occasionally to greet customers and make sure the Burr traditions are being upheld; and

**WHEREAS**, several signs along S.W. 127th Avenue between S.W. 184th Street and S.W. 256th Street already bear the name “Burr Road” and some sources, including online maps, currently identify that portion of S.W. 127th Avenue as “Burr Road”; and

**WHEREAS**, according to County records, however, it does not appear that the portion of S.W. 127th Avenue between S.W. 184th Street and S.W. 256th Street was ever officially codesignated as “Burr Road”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-159-07 and Resolution No. R-825-07, both of which were adopted by this Board in 2007, codesignation road signs are to be prominently displayed on existing traffic light mast arms and on existing street signs along the entire portion of the road so codesignated; and

**WHEREAS**, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility or property is located; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed road codesignation is located partially in County Commission District 8 and partially 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.** Incorporates and adopts the foregoing whereas clauses as part of this resolution.

**Section 2.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of S.W. 127th Avenue between S.W. 184th Street and S.W. 256th Street as “Burr Road.”

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works and Waste Management Department, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the Miami-Dade County Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



James Eddie Kirtley