

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 17, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating
that portion of S.W. 68th
Avenue from S.W. 48th
Street to S.W. 56th Street
as "John R. Branstetter Way"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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2-17-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF S.W.
68TH AVENUE FROM S.W. 48TH STREET TO S.W. 56TH
STREET AS “JOHN R. BRANSTETTER WAY”

WHEREAS, born on June 2, 1947, John R. Branstetter attended Indiana State University,
earning two degrees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Branstetter taught English, drama, and debate at South Miami Senior
High School for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, he was also a part time adjunct professor at the University of Miami and
hosted the “Dial-A-Teacher” program on PBS television; and

WHEREAS, even after retiring in 2015, Mr. Branstetter continued to volunteer at the
school for several years; and

WHEREAS, the South Miami High School Little Theater was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, over many decades, Mr. Branstetter touched countless lives and made a
positive contribution to this community through his dedication to teaching and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, many of his former students became lifelong friends and credit him with
influencing their lives in positive ways; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, Mr. Branstetter passed away at the age of 73 following
a difficult battle with terminal cancer; and

WHEREAS, before his passing, students and faculty members recently brought a parade
to Mr. Branstetter’s front yard to cheer him on and show their support, with the school’s Cobra
Drum Line from the marching band setting the beat; and

WHEREAS, during the parade, several cars carrying former students and colleagues also rolled by to salute Mr. Branstetter; and

WHEREAS, a number of former students wish to see Mr. Branstetter formally honored for his many accomplishments and tireless commitment to educating our community's youth; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(a) of the Board's Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding the proposed naming, renaming, or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities, or properties shall be sponsored by the District Commissioner where the road, facility, or property is located; and

WHEREAS, the portion of S.W. 68th Avenue from S.W. 48th Street to S.W. 56th Street is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and in County Commission District 7; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Mr. Branstetter and his many years as an influential educator by codesignating S.W. 68th Avenue from S.W. 48th Street to S.W. 56th Street as "John R. Branstetter Way,"

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 that portion of S.W. 68th Avenue from S.W. 48th Street to S.W. 56th Street as "John R. Branstetter Way".

Section 2. 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 Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of February, 2021. 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

