

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	July 7, 2022
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Resolution codesignating that portion of SW 147th Avenue at its intersection with SW 42nd Street (Bird Road) as "Judge Mario P. Goderich Boulevard"

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



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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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7-7-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF SW
147TH AVENUE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH SW 42ND
STREET (BIRD ROAD) AS “JUDGE MARIO P. GODERICH
BOULEVARD”

WHEREAS, Judge Mario P. Goderich (“Judge Goderich”) was a pioneering Cuban American and legal legend widely known for his calming presence on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich was born in Santiago de Cuba, Oriente, Cuba to Mario Goderich and Virginia Goderich Caiñas; and

WHEREAS, while still living in Cuba, Judge Goderich’s parents enrolled him in high school at Massanutten Military Academy in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Judge Goderich returned to Cuba and attended the University of Havana School of Law, where he received his Doctor of Civil Laws degree in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich practiced law in Cuba until he immigrated to the United States in 1961; and

WHEREAS, soon after, Judge Goderich attended the University of Miami School of Law (“Miami Law”), where he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1966; and

WHEREAS, upon earning his law degree, Judge Goderich took a position as the associate law librarian at Miami Law while he went through the naturalization process, and later became the director of the library and an instructor of law; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Judge Goderich gained his American citizenship and was admitted to the Florida Bar; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich would later go on to a distinguished career as a jurist that spanned 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich eventually became the first Cuban American to sit on each of three different courts in Florida and, in the process, blazed a trail for many other Cuban American jurists that followed him; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich's service as a jurist began in 1975, after then-Governor Reubin Askew appointed him as a Judge of Industrial Claims; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Judge Goderich was then appointed to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, where he served for 12 years before being elevated to the Third District Court of Appeal in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich would go on to serve on the Third District Court of Appeal for 15 years, until he retired in 2005; and

WHEREAS, during his judicial career, Judge Goderich also served on the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases from 1995 to 1997, and published several works on international law, legal research, and comparative law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich received numerous honors and awards as a judge, including the Council on Crime and Delinquency's Outstanding Judge recognition, the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review's Lawyer of the Americas Award, the Francisco Garcia-Amador Award presented by the former Center for Hispanic and Caribbean Legal Studies at Miami Law, the Order of Democracy bestowed by the Republic of Colombia, and St. Thomas University School of Law's Jurist of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his judicial service, Judge Goderich contributed to the legal community as one of the founding members and the first president of the Cuban American Bar Association, and also as a member of the Dade County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the American Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich passed away peacefully at his home on February 10, 2022, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Judge Goderich is survived by his life-partner, Ginette Garrandes, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and countless family and friends that will miss him dearly; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Judge Goderich's contributions to the community and accomplishments, and to honor his memory, this Board would like to codesignate that portion of SW 147th Avenue at its intersection with SW 42nd Street (Bird Road) as "Judge Mario P. Goderich Boulevard"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of SW 147th Avenue at its intersection with SW 42nd Street (Bird Road) is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and County Commission District 11,

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

Section 1. Having considered the matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of SW 147th Avenue at its intersection with SW 42nd Street (Bird Road) as "Judge Mario P. Goderich Boulevard".

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 Joe A. Martinez. 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 7th day of July, 2022. 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.

Handwritten signature of Keoki M. Baron in black ink, consisting of stylized initials 'KMB'.

Keoki M. Baron