

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(C)

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

DATE: October 6, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating, by
a three-fifths vote of Board
members present, that portion of
Southwest 184th Street (Eureka
Drive) between Old Cutler Road
and Caribbean Boulevard as
"Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson
Street"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.



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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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10-6-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING, BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 184TH STREET (EUREKA DRIVE) BETWEEN OLD CUTLER ROAD AND CARIBBEAN BOULEVARD AS “JUSTICE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON STREET”

WHEREAS, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson (“Justice Jackson”) was born in Washington, D.C., on September 14, 1970, but grew up in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Justice Jackson attended Palmetto Junior High School, where she was elected “mayor”, and Miami Palmetto Senior High School, where she was elected class president three times and was a standout on the speech and debate team; and

WHEREAS, beyond her years of schooling in Miami-Dade County, Justice Jackson’s family is deeply rooted in the County; and

WHEREAS, for instance, her father, Johnny Brown, worked as an attorney for the Miami-Dade County School Board from 1983 until his retirement as Chief Attorney for the School Board in 2005; her mother, Ellery Brown, served as a teacher for many years and as school principal at the New World School of the Arts located in downtown Miami from 1993 until her retirement in 2007; and her uncle, Calvin Ross, served in law enforcement for over 40 years, including as Chief of the City of Miami Police Department from 1991-1994; and

WHEREAS, following her graduation from Miami Palmetto Senior High School in 1988, Justice Jackson pursued her undergraduate studies at Harvard University, where she graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1992; and

WHEREAS, after briefly working as a staff reporter and researcher for *Time Magazine*, Justice Jackson attended Harvard Law School, where she was a supervising editor of the *Harvard Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Justice Jackson graduated from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor, *cum laude*; and

WHEREAS, after judicial clerkships in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts from 1996 to 1997 and in the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit from 1997 to 1998, and after a year working in private practice, Justice Jackson clerked for Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court from 1999 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, following a brief return to private practice, Justice Jackson served as Assistant Special Counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2007, Justice Jackson worked as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Justice Jackson returned to private practice in 2007, and on July 23, 2009, President Barack Obama nominated her to become Vice Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission whereupon she was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on February 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2012, President Obama nominated Justice Jackson to serve as a judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and on March 22, 2013, she was confirmed by the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2021, President Joe Biden announced his intention to nominate Justice Jackson to serve as a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and on April 19, 2021, sent her nomination to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2021, the United States Senate confirmed Justice Jackson to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit with a bi-partisan vote of 53–44, and Justice Jackson received her judicial commission on June 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2022, President Biden nominated Justice Jackson to become the 116th Justice of the United States Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy that would be created by the upcoming retirement of Justice Stephen Breyer; and

WHEREAS, prior to Justice Jackson's nomination, 115 justices had served on the Supreme Court in its 233-year history, and of that number, only five were women, and three were people of color; and

WHEREAS, with her nomination, Justice Jackson became the first black woman ever to be nominated to the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2022, Justice Jackson's nomination was sent to the United States Senate, and on March 21, 2022, the Senate Judiciary Committee opened confirmation hearings; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2022, following the advancement of her nomination to the full Senate, the Senate confirmed Justice Jackson to Supreme Court with a bi-partisan vote of 53-47; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, Justice Stephen Breyer notified the White House that his retirement would be effective on June 30, 2022, at noon, which paved the way for Justice Jackson to take the prescribed oaths necessary for her full ascension to the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, as many people in Miami-Dade County and throughout the country tuned in to watch, Justice Jackson was sworn in as the 116th Supreme Court Justice and the first black woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Justice Jackson's parents reside in District 8, in close proximity to Southwest 184th street (Eureka Drive); and

WHEREAS, Justice Jackson has credited her high school experience in this community, and especially her time on the school's speech and debate team, with providing her a strong foundation; and

WHEREAS, Justice Jackson's exemplary record of accomplishments and ground-breaking ascension to the nation's highest court serve as inspiration to members of this community; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes Justice Jackson's impact on this community, and wishes to honor Justice Jackson by naming that portion of Southwest 184th street (Eureka Drive) between Old Cutler Road and Caribbean Boulevard as "Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson Street"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 184th street (Eureka Drive) between Old Cutler Road and Caribbean Boulevard is a County-maintained road that forms the boundary between the Village of Palmetto Bay and the Town of Cutler Bay; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 8; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(d) of the Board's Rules of Procedure provides that the Commission may, by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, name a County road, facility or property 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,"

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this resolution and this Board finds that Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, this Board codesignates that portion of Southwest 184th street (Eureka Drive) between Old Cutler Road and Caribbean Boulevard as “Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson Street”.

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 Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the Town of Cutler Bay Police Department, the Village of Palmetto Bay Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. 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	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 6th day of October, 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.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke