

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating, by a
three-fifths vote of Board
members present, that portion of
Southwest 146th Terrace
between Southwest 103rd
Avenue and Buchanan Street as
“Judge Melvia Bailey-Green
Terrace”

Resolution No. R-725-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee.



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County Attorney

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING, BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 146TH TERRACE BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 103RD AVENUE AND BUCHANAN STREET AS “JUDGE MELVIA BAILEY-GREEN TERRACE”

WHEREAS, retired Third District Court of Appeal Judge Melvia Bailey-Green (Judge Bailey-Green) grew up in the historic area of Richmond Heights in South Miami-Dade County, where she attended Frank C. Martin Elementary and later graduated from Killian High School; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University in 1975 and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1978; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from law school, Judge Bailey-Green was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1979 and began practicing law; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Judge Bailey-Green became the first African-American female Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green was appointed to the County Court by the Governor in 1987 and to the Circuit Court in 1989, becoming the first African-American woman to serve as a Circuit Court Judge in Florida, and the only African-American woman to serve as a Circuit Court Judge in Miami-Dade County until 2018; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Judge Bailey-Green was appointed by the Governor to the Florida Third District Court of Appeal, becoming the first African-American woman to serve on that Court, where she reviewed and analyzed decisions from trial courts and administrative tribunals

for legal correctness, evaluated legal briefs, presided over oral arguments, and authored more than 1,000 opinions; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green also served six months in 2008 on the Florida Second District Court of Appeal, at the request of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green retired from judicial office in 2008, after approximately twenty-one and a half years of honorable and exemplary service on the bench; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Judge Bailey-Green formed Melvia B. Green, P.A., in Tampa, Florida where she works as a mediator, arbitrator and special master/magistrate locally, as well as in several states and countries, in various areas of civil law, including admiralty/maritime tort, banking, employment, franchise, health, intellectual property, and real estate matters, utilizing her vast knowledge of the law and legal skills; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years as a successful private attorney, judicial officer arbitrator, mediator, and special master/magistrate, Judge Bailey-Green has always found a way to give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green has served as a lecturer and speaker for schools and numerous state and national organizations, as well as the Florida Bar; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green was one of 11 founding members of the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the National Bar Association, Women Lawyers Division, now known as the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her accomplishments, Judge Bailey-Green has received numerous awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Daily Business Review, a Legal Legend award from History Miami Museum/11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society, the Recognized Pacesetter Award from Southern Women in Public Service – Stennis Center, the

Women Making a Difference Award from the Coconut Grove Playhouse, and the Outstanding Government Role Model Award from the Transplant Foundation of South Florida; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Judge Bailey-Green has received awards, including the Dade County Bar Association's Annual Trailblazer Award, the Black Law Students Association's Nelson Mandela Award from the University of Miami School of Law, an Achievement Award from the African American Business and Professional Women's Association, as well as recognition for being an Outstanding Young Woman in America and an Outstanding Community Leader in the Judicial System; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailey-Green is married to Joseph Green, and they are the proud parents of two successful and productive adults, Lauryn and Nicholas; and

WHEREAS, although Judge Bailey-Green is held in the highest of esteem by the legal community and was described as a "role model, legal legend, pacesetter and trailblazer" in a May 21, 2018 Daily Business Review Article entitled "Former Third DCA Judge Green Considered a Trailblazer," she remains a humble person; and

WHEREAS, in the referenced article, U.S. District Court Judge Rodney Smith's recollection of his experience with Judge Bailey-Green is captured as follows: "'Judge Green played a significant role in drafting the alternative dispute resolution rules and policy committee's response,' which was to be argued before the Florida Supreme Court. But rather than present the oral argument herself, Green deferred, opting instead to entrust the important task to her young protege, Rodney Smith. Encouraged by the confidence that this seasoned barrister had in him, Smith said he was confident as he stood before the Florida Supreme Court because he 'knew that [he] was not standing there alone' but on 'the strong shoulders of this legal legend, Melvia B. Green.'"; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to recognize Judge Bailey-Green's outstanding contributions to this County, by codesignating that portion of Southwest 146th Terrace between Southwest 103rd Avenue and Buchanan Street as "Judge Melvia Bailey-Green Terrace"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 146th Terrace between Southwest 103rd Avenue and Buchanan Street is a County-maintained road in County Commission District 9; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 146th Terrace between Southwest 103rd Avenue and Buchanan Street is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; 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 Judge Melvia Bailey-Green 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 146th Terrace between Southwest 103rd Avenue and Buchanan Street as "Judge Melvia Bailey-Green Terrace".

Section 3. This Board 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 Sheriff's Office, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	nay
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	absent
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Keon Hardemon	absent
Eileen Higgins	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke