

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(2)

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

DATE: December 2, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
City of Miami's
codesignation of that portion
of Percival Avenue between
Southwest 37th Avenue
(Douglas Road) and Plaza
Street as "Drs. Dazelle and
George Simpson Way"

Resolution No. R-1133-25

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



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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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12-2-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-1133-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF PERCIVAL
AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 37TH AVENUE
(DOUGLAS ROAD) AND PLAZA STREET AS "DRS.
DAZELLE AND GEORGE SIMPSON WAY"

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025, the City of Miami (the "City") adopted Resolution No. R-25-0430, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, codesignating that portion of Percival Avenue between Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) and Plaza Street as "Drs. Dazelle and George Simpson Way"; and

WHEREAS, Drs. Dazelle and George Simpson (the "Simpsons") were pioneers in the medical field, making medical care more accessible for those in the Black community; and

WHEREAS, the Simpsons met at Meharry Medical School and married in their senior year of medical school; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dazelle Simpson, the granddaughter of E.W.F. Stirrup, was born in Miami on August 28, 1924, growing up in the Stirrup House and living her entire life in Coconut Grove; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George Simpson was born in New York City on September 24, 1925, and raised in Harlem; and

WHEREAS, at a young age the Simpsons decided that they would pursue careers in the medical field; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dazelle Simpson graduated valedictorian from Dade County Training School for Coloreds (later known as George Washington Carver High School) in Coconut Grove, leading her to attend Fisk University, where she graduated magna cum laude, and ultimately attending Meharry Medical College, where she graduated with “Highest Honors”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George Simpson graduated from the prestigious Townsend Harris High School for high achieving students at the age of 16 where he also played football, leading him to attend New York City College and ultimately attending Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, after completing a residency in pediatrics, Dr. Dazelle Simpson returned to Miami where she treated countless children in Liberty City and Overtown for 42 years, becoming the first Board Certified Black pediatrician in the State of Florida, the first woman and first black member of the University of Miami School of Medicine Admissions Committee, and the first black President of the Greater Miami Pediatric Society; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from medical school, Dr. George Simpson interned as a surgical resident and completed two years of military service as a 1st Lt. with the Surgical Service of the U.S. Army at Fort Dix Army Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Dr. George Simpson joined his wife in Miami, establishing his private practice in general surgery, where he made his mark in the practice of medicine, teaching, and community development, becoming the first Board Certified African American general surgeon in the State of Florida, the first African American to perform major surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, the first African American on the teaching staff in General Surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, and a founding member of the first physician’s union -- Jackson Memorial SEIU; and

WHEREAS, the Simpsons were a trailblazing duo, active in the Civil Rights Movement, dedicating themselves to caring for the residents of their community until their death; and

WHEREAS, the Simpsons championed the accessibility of healthcare in the Black community, and their legacy carries on in the community they selflessly served; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor the Simpsons by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of Percival Avenue between Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) and Plaza Street as "Drs. Dazelle and George Simpson Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Percival Avenue between Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) and Plaza Street is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 7,

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

Section 1. Approves the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Percival Avenue between Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) and Plaza Street as "Drs. Dazelle and George Simpson Way".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami, 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 City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue, and the City of Miami Police Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 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.

CSL

Christian Sanchez Leon
Michael J. Mastrucci



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File Number: 18262

Enactment Number: R-25-0430

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"), CO-DESIGNATING PERCIVAL AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 37 AVENUE (DOUGLAS ROAD) AND PLAZA STREET AS "DRS. DAZELLE AND GEORGE SIMPSON WAY" IN HONOR OF DRS. DAZELLE AND GEORGE SIMPSON'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE CO-DESIGNATION; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Damian Pardo, Commissioner Christine King

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Miami City Commission hereby co-designates Percival Avenue between Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) and Plaza Street as "Drs. Dazelle and George Simpson Way" in honor of his dedicated service and lasting impact on the community.

Section 3. The City Manager is directed to take all necessary steps to effectuate this co-designation, including the installation of appropriate signage.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; the Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 7; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida road, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, for sign installation within the newly designated roadway.

Section 5. If any section, clause, or provision of this resolution is declared invalid, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DATE:	10/9/2025
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Damian Pardo, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Miguel Angel Gabela, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Miguel Angel Gabela, Damian Pardo, Ralph "Rafael" Rosado

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I, Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that this constitutes a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-25-0430, passed by the City Commission on 10/9/2025.


**City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk
(for Todd B. Hannon, City
Clerk)**

October 20, 2025

Date Certified