

Introduced by Council Member Pittman:

RESOLUTION 2025-696

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 177,
DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE ON MONCRIEF ROAD WEST
OVER THE RIBAUT RIVER IN DUVAL COUNTY AS THE
"BERNARD WILKES RIBAUT RIVER BRIDGE"; DIRECTING
THE CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE DISTRICT
TWO SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL
COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, during the 2025 Legislative Session, the Florida
Legislature passed House Bill 177, which makes honorary designations
of transportation facilities throughout Florida and directs the
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers
for those designations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 177 designates the bridge on Moncrief Road
West over the Ribault River in Duval County as the "Bernard Wilkes
Ribault River Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 334.071, *Florida Statutes*, a city
or county commission must pass a resolution in support of a particular
honorary designation before road markers are erected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville wishes to honor Bernard
Wilkes and requests that the FDOT erect suitable markers designating
the bridge on Moncrief Road West over the Ribault River in Duval
County as the "Bernard Wilkes Ribault River Bridge"; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

1 **Section 1.** The City Council strongly supports House Bill
2 177, designating the bridge on Moncrief Road West over the Ribault
3 River in Duval County as the "Bernard Wilkes Ribault River Bridge,"
4 and hereby authorizes the erection of appropriate signage by the
5 Florida Department of Transportation to commemorate the designation.

6 **Section 2. Directive to Chief of Legislative Services**
7 **Division.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby
8 directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the District Two
9 Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Duval
10 County Legislative Delegation.

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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