

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-696-W**

5 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 177,
6 DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE ON MONCRIEF ROAD WEST
7 OVER THE RIBAUT RIVER IN DUVAL COUNTY AS THE
8 "BERNARD WILKES RIBAUT RIVER BRIDGE"; DIRECTING
9 THE CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
10 TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE DISTRICT
11 TWO SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
12 TRANSPORTATION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL
13 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN
14 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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16 **WHEREAS,** during the 2025 Legislative Session, the Florida
17 Legislature passed House Bill 177, which makes honorary designations
18 of transportation facilities throughout Florida and directs the
19 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers
20 for those designations; and

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

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

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

31 **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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