

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-637

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R, TEU

Date of Analysis: September 14, 2023

Type of Action: Expression of support for honorary bridge naming

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City Council's support for Florida House Bill 21 designating bridge #724420 on Howell Drive over the Ribault River as the "Coach Gwendolyn Maxwell Bridge to Ribault" and authorizing erection of appropriate signage.

Background Information: City concurrence with the honorary designation of the bridge as passed by the Florida Legislature during its 2023 session is required before signage can be posted. Gwendolyn Maxwell taught in public schools in Jacksonville and Nassau County for 36 years and was head coach of the girls' track and field team at Ribault High School for 20 years from 1977 to 1997. During that time her teams won 4 state championships and finished as runners-up an additional 4 times. Ms. Maxwell, who died in 2020, coached U.S. Olympian Chandra Cheesborough was inducted into the Ribault Athletic Hall of Fame, the Bob Hayes Track Meet Hall of Fame, and the Florida Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame.

Policy Impact Area: Honorary bridge designation

Fiscal Impact: None to City

Analyst: Clements