

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE LEGACY OF A.B. MICHAEL AND REQUESTING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE DESIGNATE STATE ROAD 510 BRIDGE #53 AS THE A.B. MICHAEL BRIDGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Indian River County desires to honor the legacy of A.B. Michael by requesting the Florida Legislature designate State Road 510 Bridge #53, commonly known as the Wabasso Bridge Causeway, as the “A.B. Michael Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, A.B. Michael relocated to Orchid Island in 1887 as a child and assisted in building the current Wabasso Bridge Causeway in 1927; and

WHEREAS, A.B. Michael, was a founding director of American Fruit Growers; founding director of the Indian River Citrus League; founder, grower, and shipper of the world famous Orchid Island grapefruit; and designated as the “Dean of the Florida Citrus Industry” by Florida Citrus Mutual; and

WHEREAS, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Legislature to designate a transportation facility for honorary or memorial purposes and to direct the Department of Transportation to place markers reflecting such designation; and

WHEREAS, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, further states that erection of markers is contingent on the appropriate county or city commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary designation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Indian River County passed a resolution in 1964 which requested the Florida Legislature enact legislation designating the Wabasso Bridge Causeway as “A.B. Michael Bridge”.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation list of current road designations specifies State Road 510 Bridge #53 is designated as the “A.B. Mitchell Bridge”.

WHEREAS, based on the 1964 resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners for Indian River County, the current Board of County Commissioners believe State Road 510 Bridge #53 was intended to be designated the “A.B. Michael Bridge” but was erroneously designated the “A.B. Mitchell Bridge”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are true and correct, and hereby adopted as findings of this Board.

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Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby honors the legacy and service to Indian River County and the state of Florida by A.B. Michael and, pursuant to Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, respectfully requests the Florida Legislature enact legislation which designates State Road 510 Bridge #53 as the “A.B. Michael Bridge” and which directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect markers reflecting such designation.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner _____, and seconded by Commissioner _____, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Bob Solari _____
Vice-Chairman Susan Adams _____
Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher _____
Commissioner Tim Zorc _____
Commissioner Peter D. O’Bryan _____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk
of Court and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
County Attorney

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