

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to official state designations;
3 creating s. 15.0465, F.S.; designating an
4 official flagship of the State of Florida;
5 designating the courthouse of the District
6 Court of Appeal for the Third District as the
7 "Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District Courthouse";
8 authorizing the Third District Court of Appeal
9 to erect suitable markers; providing an
10 effective date.

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12 WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., served
13 as Judge of the District Court of Appeal of the State of
14 Florida for the Third District from 1961 through 1996, serving
15 as Chief Judge from 1963 through 1965 and 1972 through 1977,
16 and as Acting Chief Judge in 1980, and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull was admitted to the practice of
18 law in the State of Florida in 1949 and, prior to assuming his
19 judicial duties in 1961, practiced with great distinction,
20 most notably as counsel to the Dade County Commission, as
21 counsel to the Rules and Calendar Committee of the House of
22 Representatives of the Florida Legislature, and as a member of
23 the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar, and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull has served as Chairman of the
25 Appellate Judges Conference, as a member of the Judicial
26 Qualifications Commission from 1966 to 1994, and as a member
27 of the Constitution Revision Commission from 1965 to 1968,
28 1977 to 1978, and 1996 to 1997, giving unselfishly of his
29 talents and leadership abilities, and

30 WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull's long career has been a model
31 of integrity, honor, and judicial wisdom, and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull has brought great esteem,
2 respect, and honor to the Third District Court of Appeal and
3 to the entire judiciary of the State of Florida by the calm,
4 fair, and diligent performance of his judicial duties and his
5 unwavering moral leadership, and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull retired from the bench on
7 December 31, 1996, after having reached the age of 70 years,
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9 WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull was instrumental in securing
10 the land and directing the construction of the courthouse for
11 the Third District Court of Appeal, and

12 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate, as requested by
13 his former colleagues on the Third District Court of Appeal,
14 that Judge Barkdull be recognized for his contributions to the
15 court and to the administration of justice in Florida and to
16 all the citizens of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. The courthouse of the Third District Court
21 of Appeal of the State of Florida is hereby designated as the
22 "Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District Courthouse."

23 Section 2. The Third District Court of Appeal is
24 authorized to erect appropriate markers designating the
25 courthouse of the Third District Court of Appeal of the State
26 of Florida as the "Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District
27 Courthouse."

28 Section 3. Section 15.0465, Florida Statutes, is
29 created to read:

30 15.0465 Official flagship.--The schooner Western
31 Union, a 130 foot historic sailing vessel of the tallship

1 class, built in Key West, Florida, and first launched in 1939,
2 is hereby designated an official flagship of the State of
3 Florida.

4 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
5 law.

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