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An act relating to building designation;  
designating the courthouse of the District  
Court of Appeal for the Third District as the  
"Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District Courthouse";  
authorizing the Third District Court of Appeal  
to erect suitable markers; providing an  
effective date.

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull has brought great esteem,  
respect, and honor to the Third District Court of Appeal and

1 to the entire judiciary of the State of Florida by the calm,  
2 fair, and diligent performance of his judicial duties and his  
3 unwavering moral leadership, and

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

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

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

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

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

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
27 law.

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