

By Senator Diaz-Balart

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1                           A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building designation;  
3           designating the courthouse of the District  
4           Court of Appeal for the Third District as the  
5           "Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District Courthouse";  
6           authorizing the Third District Court of Appeal  
7           to erect suitable markers; providing an  
8           effective date.

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

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

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

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

30           WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull has brought great esteem,  
31           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 that the  
11 Legislature honor the request of his former colleagues on the  
12 Third District Court of Appeal and recognize Judge Barkdull  
13 for his contributions to the court and to the administration  
14 of justice in Florida and to all the people of Florida, NOW,  
15 THEREFORE,

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

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

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

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Designates the courthouse for the Third District Court of  
Appeal as the "Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District  
Courthouse."