

Resolution No. _____

Passed: _____

**A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of
Gainesville, Florida, to designate and dual-name
Duval Community area of NE 20th Street between
NE 8th Avenue and NE 10th Avenue to Gloria Jean
Merriex Way.**

WHEREAS, Gloria Jean Merriex was a member of the Charles W. Duval Elementary Fine Arts Academy for 30 years and provided a foundation for the educational success of hundreds of students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merriex was widely known for the creation of an innovative math skills teaching model, and was on the verge of a national distribution of her program; and

WHEREAS, her program was so creative and effective, the University of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning was working to prepare for national and global exposure. The Kellogg Foundation and the Smallwood Foundation acknowledged the importance of Ms. Merriex's revolutionary methods, with substantial grants to capture and share her formula for success in math; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merriex's impacts on this community can be measured by the successes of her former students, many of whom contributed to State of Florida record gains on the much talked about FCAT exams; and

WHEREAS, her selflessness extended far beyond the teacher workday and the schoolyard, to reach into nightfall, weekends, and the homes of the children she loved; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merriex passed away on Friday, May 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Gainesville, wish to pay tribute to the memory of Ms. Merriex for her devotion to the community, and the many lives she has touched and influenced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

1. The Duval Community area of NE 20th Street, between NE 8th Avenue and NE 10th Avenue, is hereby designated and dual-named "Gloria Jean Merriex Way" in her honor so that her devotion to humanity and this Community will always be remembered.
2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to carry out all necessary action to fulfill this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kurt M. Lannon
Clerk of the Commission

Marion J. Radson
City Attorney

