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Resolution to Dual-Name a Section of Southwest 28th Street to “Buster Bishop Drive” (B)

..Explanation

Bernays Emery “Buster” Bishop was born, raised, and educated in Gainesville, Florida, and was great mentor to students, team members, and staff throughout his tenure at the University of Florida Golf Course. Some of his professional experience includes: Head Coach and Athletic Director at Gainesville High School; Head of Physical Education at Buchholz Jr. High School; Staff of the College of Physical Education at the University of Florida; Head Golf Coach at the University of Florida; Head Pro of the University of Florida Golf Course; and Golf Course Manager of the University of Florida. The University Athletic Association, the City of Gainesville, and the community wish to dedicate themselves to his memory by designating and dual-naming Southwest 28th Street from Southwest 2nd Avenue to Southwest 3rd Place as “Buster Bishop Drive” in his honor so that his kindness and dedication to the community will always be remembered.

..Fiscal Note

The funds for producing the signs are available in the Public Works Department operating budget.

..Recommendation

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution authorizing Southwest 28th Street from Southwest 2nd Avenue to Southwest 3rd Place to be designated and dual-named as “Buster Bishop Drive”; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to carry out all necessary actions to fulfill the Resolution.

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Resolution No. _____

Passed: _____

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to designate and dual-name Southwest 28th Street from Southwest 2nd Avenue to Southwest 3rd Place as “Buster Bishop Drive,” in honor of Bernays Emery “Buster” Bishop, and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop was born, raised, and educated in Gainesville, Florida, and attended the University of Florida, earning a bachelors and a masters degree; and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop’s background in academics and golf dates back to 1943, when he was the head coach and athletic director at Gainesville High School; and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop became the head golf coach at the University of Florida in 1964, took over the post of golf pro at the University of Florida Golf Course in 1969, and was named the golf course manager in 1973 in addition to his coaching duties; and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop coached the University of Florida golf teams to four Southeastern Conference championships and two NCAA championships in his eleven years as head coach; and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop coached one NCAA Individual Champion, two United States Amateur Champions, and eight All-American golfers; and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop established Gator Golf Day, a now 36 year old tournament solely for the purpose of benefiting the University of Florida Golf Teams. This year, the tournament was renamed, “Buster Bishop’s Gator Golf Day;” and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop was inducted into the National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame and the University of Florida Hall of Fame in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Buster Bishop remained an advisor, mentor, and friend of the University of Florida Golf Course and its coaches, staff, and patrons until his passing on November 21, 2004.

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

Section 1. Southwest 28th Street from Southwest 2nd Avenue to Southwest 3rd Place, in the City of Gainesville, Florida, is designated and dual-named as "Buster Bishop Drive" in his honor so that his life and service to the city and the University of Florida will always be remembered.

Section 2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to carry out all necessary action to fulfill this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____ A. D., 2005

Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kurt M. Lannon
Clerk of the Commission

Marion J. Radson, City Attorney