

## House Bill No. 17

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.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull retired from the bench on December 31, 1996, after having reached the age of 70 years, and

WHEREAS, Judge Barkdull was instrumental in securing the land and directing the construction of the courthouse for the Third District Court of Appeal, and

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

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

Section 1. The courthouse of the Third District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida is hereby designated as the “Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District Courthouse.”

Section 2. The Third District Court of Appeal is authorized to erect appropriate markers designating the courthouse of the Third District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida as the “Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr., District Courthouse.”

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

Approved by the Governor April 17, 2000.

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