



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 28, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Resolution.** A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida codesignating that portion of Grand Avenue from Lincoln Drive to Jefferson Street as “Cheryl E. Johnson Way”. (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Menendez)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Cheryl E. Johnson, Ed.D was born January 28, 1962, in Sarasota, Florida and was an integral part of the educational community in Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables. During her 11 years as an elementary school teacher, Dr. Johnson was twice recognized as a teacher of the year and would go on to serve as an Assistant Principal at Buena Vista Elementary School, Eneida M. Hartner Elementary School, and Sunset Elementary School. Dr. Johnson also served as the beloved principal of G.W. Carver Elementary School for 14 years before her retirement in 2017. During her tenure as principal of G.W. Carver Elementary School, Dr. Johnson supported many initiatives in partnership with the City of Coral Gables, including the Bigs in Blue Program, Coral Gables History Tours, school supply drives, and school beautification events.

In 2013, Dr. Johnson was the Miami-Dade County Parent Teacher Association Principal of the Year runner-up, and in 2017, Dr. Johnson received the YMCA Principal Recognition Award. After a lifetime dedicated to the development of young people and the betterment of those around her, Dr. Johnson passed away on September 30, 2020.

On July 8, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami Dade County unanimously passed Resolution R-624-21, codesignating that portion of Grand Avenue from Lincoln Drive to Jefferson Street as “Cheryl E. Johnson Way” and urging the City of Coral Gables to join in the codesignation. The resolution to honor Dr. Johnson came at the request of her colleagues from G.W. Carver Elementary School and was sponsored by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Raquel Regalado.

G.W. Carver Elementary, where Dr. Johnson spent so many years as a dedicated principal, is located on Grand Avenue. Grand Avenue is a County-maintained road located in the City of Coral Gables. The codesignation of Grand Avenue will not require the changing of any addresses, licenses, or official documents and shall only result in the installation of street signage by Miami-Dade County. The codesignation of Grand Avenue is not contingent upon the City of Coral Gables taking action.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. MDC Resolution