

RESOLUTION NO. 202 - 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF RENAMING THE FEDERAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 301 SIMONTON STREET, KEY WEST, FLORIDA, THE "*SIDNEY M. ARONOVITZ UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE*" PER H.R. 2913 CONGRESSIONAL BILL AS INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

WHEREAS, Congressional Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has introduced H.R. 2913 to rename the federal building located at 301 Simonton Street, Key West, Florida as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse"; and

WHEREAS, the late Sidney M. Aronovitz brought honor to the legal profession and his community by his dedicated and distinctive service as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida from 1976 until his death in 1997; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the federal branch in 1976 by President Gerald Ford, Judge Aronovitz served as a United States Army Captain from 1943 to 1946, with multiple World War II field decorations, including the Bronze Star; and was appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist to serve as a member of the original U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, from 1988 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Judge Aronovitz tirelessly defended the United States Constitution by protecting the rights of the homeless, women, Cuban refugees and other minorities, and by serving as the first leader of multiple vital religious, educational, and health organizations, including Founding Chairman of the Dade County Little HUD Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Judge Aronovitz served as the President of the Hillel Advisory Council and Miami Hillel Foundation at the University of Miami from 1950 to 1954, and demonstrated unwavering dedication to the administration of the rule of law without consideration of race, creed, or national origin for which he received the Gold Medallion Award by the National Council of Christians and Jews; and

WHEREAS, Judge Aronovitz, who was born in Key West, Florida on June 20, 1920, President of the Senior Class and Valedictorian of the Key West High School Class of 1937, and initial inductee of the University of Florida School of Law "Hall of Fame", led a life of principle and accomplishments that stands as a model for any person who aspires to serve the interests of equal justice under the law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida that:

1. The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners fully supports that Congress designates the federal building located at 301 Simonton Street, Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse."
2. The Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Mel Martinez, U. S. Senate; Representative Ron Saunders, District 120; Senator Larcenia Bullard, District 39; Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, District 18; and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, District 25.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners by the said board at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

Mayor George Neugent	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Murphy	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Heather Carruthers	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mario Di Gennaro	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Kim Wigington	<u>Yes</u>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *George R. Neugent*  
Mayor George Neugent

ATTEST: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

By: *Camille Hancock*  
Deputy Clerk

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ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Date 6/25/09

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**HR 2913**  
Introduced in House  
June 17, 2009

H. R. 2913

To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the '**Sidney M. Aronovitz** United States Courthouse'.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
June 17, 2009

Ms. Ros-Lehtinen (for herself, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Mr. Mack, Mr. Rooney, Ms. Corrine Brown of Florida, Ms. Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida, Mr. Meek of Florida, Mr. Hastings of Florida, and Mr. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the '**Sidney M. Aronovitz** United States Courthouse'.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, shall be known and designated as the '**Sidney M. Aronovitz** United States Courthouse'.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the '**Sidney M. Aronovitz** United States Courthouse'.

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