

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING NAMING A PUBLIC FACILITY; NAMING THE 39-ACRES OF MANATEE COUNTY OWNED LAND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF 27TH STREET EAST AND 26TH STREET EAST IN BRADENTON AS "MIXON FARMS"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County maintains and operates 39 acres of land at the northeast corner of the intersection of 27th Street East and 26th Avenue East in Bradenton; and

WHEREAS, on the above-described land, Mixon Fruit Farms was established in 1939 by Willie and Rosa Mixon and was operated continuously for over 80 years as a cornerstone of Manatee County's agricultural heritage and community life; and

WHEREAS, Mixon Fruit Farms grew from a modest citrus grove into a beloved destination for residents and visitors, offering fresh produce, educational tours, family events, and cultural experiences that enriched the lives of generations; and

WHEREAS, the Mixon family demonstrated enduring commitment to innovation, hospitality, and civic engagement, contributing to the Manatee County's identity and economy through stewardship of the land and service to the public; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Mixon Fruit Farms concluded operations, marking the end of an era and the beginning of a new opportunity for community investment; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, Manatee County acquired the 39-acre property to preserve the site for future public use, consistent with the Manatee County's vision for public amenities and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County Resolution R-20-153, allows for the naming of a County facility for an eligible individual or organization based on "demonstrated integrity, contribution to the community, patriotism and such other criteria as may from time to time be established by the Board of County Commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners finds that the integrity and the innumerable positive contributions to this community of the Mixon family more than qualify its members for the honor bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice of intent to consider this Resolution has been published as provided in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes, at least ten days before the public hearing on this Resolution and kept available for public inspection during regular business hours of the Sports & Leisure Services Department as required by Resolution R-20-153; and

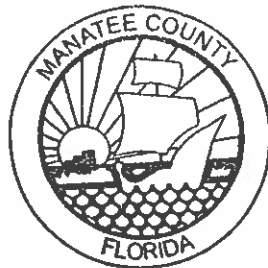
WHEREAS, prior to the public hearing on this Resolution, the County Administrator has developed a fiscal impact statement and the County Attorney has reviewed any legal considerations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that all the procedural requirements to make this dedication have been met and that it is in the best interests of the County to adopt this Resolution and name this public facility "Mixon Farms" in honor of the Mixon family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows.

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of this Board and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The County's 39-acres of land at the northeast corner of the intersection of 27th Street East and 26th Avenue East in Bradenton is hereby named and designated "Mixon Farms."
3. The County Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the placement of all appropriate signage in furtherance of memorializing the designation and naming of Mixon Farms consistent with this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

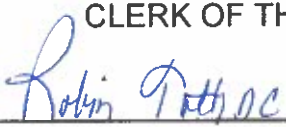
DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 4th day of November 2025.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:  _____
Chairperson

**ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

By:  _____
Deputy Clerk