

**REQUEST TO NAME A COUNTY OWNED FACILITY**

TO: County Manager, Collier County, Florida

Sponsor's name, address, telephone:

Kenny Brown, 1324 Chokoloskee drive, Chokoloskee, FL 34138 239-695-2881

The facility is described as: CHOKOLOSKEE BRIDGE

We request that this facility be named:

John Joseph Brown Memorial Bridge

For the following reasons, it is proper to name this facility as requested:

John Joseph Brown was an early pioneer in Chokoloskee, Everglades, Lee County, (now Collier County) and South Florida. John came to Miami area in 1859. He served in the Florida Legislature in 1876, in the Florida House of Representatives for Dade County. John served in the 1<sup>st</sup> East Florida Calvary (a union unit) with his son William in Florida during the civil War. John was an Indian agent for the state of Florida Legislature in 1876 and became close friends with Chief Water Turkey of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indians of South Florida. John and his son William took their freight boats to Punta Rassa (Fort Myers) and converted them to haul cattle to Cuba. John and many other family members (14) are buried at the mouth of the Barron River in the Brown cemetery at the "Old Brown Homestead." 1/2 of a mile north of here. John Joseph Brown, born at Long Island, New York in 1815 and died in Everglades, Florida in 1892.

(10/page) We, the undersigned residents of Collier County agree with the above-stated reasons:

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Sheffield, Mike