

RESOLUTION NO. 54-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON
ESTABLISHING THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION OF
"BOCA RATON"

WHEREAS, the name of the City of Boca Raton is derived
from "Boca de Ratones," an ancient Spanish place name whose
origin is shrouded in history, and from "Boca Ratone Sound,"
which appears on later maps of Florida; and

WHEREAS, "Boca Raton" is subject to mispronunciation,
and the City Council desires to establish the official and
correct pronunciation of the name of the City; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BOCA RATON:

Section 1. The correct pronunciation of "Boca Raton" is
hereby established as:

BŌ' kă Ră·tŌn'

Section 2.

From "Boca de Ratones," a quaint Spanish name,
Came "Boca Ratone" when the settlers came.

The "e" was discarded, and then it became
Just "Boca Raton." Now who can we blame?

The sound of "Raton" has not quite been the same.

"I've had it with short 'o,'" said Councilman Mac,

"It grates on my ear and it throws me off track.

"There must be a means for us to fight back,

"Proclaim the Right Way, and counterattack!"