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GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MR. ATTORNEY, MR. MANAGER, ALL OF OUR STAFF, CLERK RUVIN, CLERK OF THE BOARD SULLIVAN AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. WILL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HERE, PLEASE STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED? LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR THE GRACE, MERCY AND HONOR OF SERVING FIVE TERMS IN OFFICE. NEXT, I WANT TO THANK MY DAD WHO IS NOT HERE IN BODY BUT IS HERE IN SPIRIT. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE STORY WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR OFFICE THERE WAS TWO PEOPLE: I HAD A CAMPAIGN MANAGER, SANDRA WALKER, AND MY FATHER WAS MY CAMPAIGN STAFF. I APPRECIATE SO MUCH THE SUPPORT HE PROVIDED OVER THE YEARS. I MISS THE MORNING CALL I USED TO GET EVERY TIME THERE WAS SOMETHING BAD ON THE PAPER ABOUT THE COMMISSION; I HAD TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO HIM.

I WANT TO THANK MY MOM WHO IS THE ROCK OF THE FAMILY, MY WIFE FOR STANDING BY ME THROUGH THE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES AND OVER THE YEARS, MY DAUGHTER WHO IS HERE, AND ALL OF MY CHILDREN. THANK YOU ALSO TO THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

I WANT TO THANK MY COMMISSION STAFF, SO OFTEN, WE DON'T REALLY RECOGNIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE US LOOK GOOD, AS I MOVE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, PEOPLE THANK ME FOR THINGS, I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. MY STAFF HAS HELPED THEM! SO I WANT TO THANK MY CHIEF OF STAFF, WAYMAN BANNERMAN AND THE REST OF MY STAFF. I WANT TO THANK THE MY NON-PROFIT RICHMOND-PERRINE OPTIMIST CLUB FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.

MOST IMPORTANT, I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 9, THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY. I RECEIVED MORE THAN 80% VOTES ON MY RACE AND I WILL SPEND THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WORKING TO EARN THE SUPPORT OF THE REMAINING 20%.

I AM PROUD OF MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE MANY SUCCESSES OVER THE YEARS THAT WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE HAPPEN.

I MADE PROMISES AND I KEPT THEM-PROMISES MADE...PROMISES KEPT.

- WE REBUILT SOUTH DADE AFTER HURRICANE ANDREW.
- WE SAVED HOMESTEAD AIRFORCE BASE.
- WE BROUGHT THE PROMISED PUBLIC HOSPITAL TO SOUTH DADE.
- WE BROUGHT THE PROMISED CULTURAL ARTS CENTER.
- METROZOO THEME PARK DISTRICT IS HAPPENING.
- WE NOW HAVE WINERY LEGISLATION.
- WE BUILT AN EXTENSION OF BUSWAY TO FLORIDA CITY.
- CREATED TEAM METRO AND 3-1-1.
- CIAB AND IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION GATEWAYS ARE HAPPENING.
- THE LIGHTED STREET SIGNS ARE HERE.
- WE IMPROVED MILES OF SIDEWALKS AND ROADS.
- IMPROVED/ PLANS TO IMPROVE OVER 90% OF THE PARKS.
- WE PROVIDED OVER 250 GRANTS TO MOM AND POPS BUSINESSES.
- FUNDED DOZENS OF NON-PROFITS.

THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND THAT IS WHY I AM SO GRATEFUL TO THE GREAT PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 9 AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR 4 MORE YEARS, 4 MORE YEARS OF PROMISES MADE...PROMISES KEPT.

GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!