

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(9)

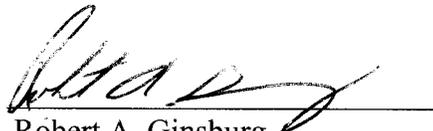
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 1, 2005

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
retention and increased use
of Homestead Air Reserve
Base

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.


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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

02-01-05

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND OFFICIALS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S MILITARY INDUSTRY AND INCREASED MILITARY, INTERAGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY USES OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Congress has authorized another round of base realignment and closure (BRAC) for military installations in 2005 resulting in all military installations within the U.S. being examined with military value to future mission capability and operational readiness being the primary considerations; and

WHEREAS, the collective annual economic impact of our local military industry contributes over \$1.2 billion and over 22,000 jobs to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to United States Southern Command Headquarters, including Special Operations Command South Headquarters, and sustaining and enhancing these installations is important to the Miami-Dade Community because they directly and indirectly account for over 4,300 jobs and over \$318 million in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Homestead Air Reserve Base is the southernmost air reserve base in the continental U.S., and, as such, is strategically located with good access to the Caribbean and Central America and is ideally located for air defense missions for the Southern U.S., and sustaining and enhancing this installation is important to the Miami-Dade County economy, particularly that of South Miami-Dade, because it directly and indirectly accounts for 3,195 jobs and over \$106.5 million in actual expenditures each year; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's diverse military industry includes United States Coast Guard and the Veteran's Administration, provides added opportunities for interagency activity and maximization of military installations; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Miami-Dade County has the economic, technological and transportation infrastructure to actively participate in national security activities; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's strategic location and connectivity to South America, Europe and Africa makes it a prime location for national security activities; has the land and infrastructure available for the absorption of new military, interagency and homeland security uses; and has a quality of life, including educational opportunities and diverse employment opportunities that are of interest to such personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, this industry is supported by The Beacon Council's Miami-Dade Defense Alliance, which represents local chambers of commerce and local stakeholders that have an interest in the military and related industry; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations involve actions and support by the U.S. Congress, the Florida Congressional delegation, the Florida Cabinet and the Florida Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress, the Governor of the State of Florida, the Florida Cabinet and the Florida Legislature to take actions that would support retention and increased military, interagency and homeland security uses in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Urges the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense to support Governor Bush's proposal to develop a new headquarters for United States Southern Command on state-owned property located adjacent to the existing headquarters.

Section 3. Urges the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense to support the addition of military units within Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Section 4. Urges the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other related Federal, State and local agencies to support and participate in the County's efforts to develop the Homestead Defense Complex on County-owned property adjacent to the Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Section 5. Urges the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to continue and increase annual funding for infrastructure improvements for United States Southern Command and Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Section 6. Directs the County Manager, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the County's contract lobbyists to work with the appropriate Federal agencies to relocate and/or consolidate military and homeland defense facilities located in the vicinity of Metrozoo, to Homestead Air Reserve Base and/or the surplus property adjacent to the Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Section 7. Directs the County Manager, in cooperation with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to explore opportunities for new missions in Miami-Dade County that arise from closures and realignments occurring in other locations.

Section 8. Directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the County's contract lobbyists to track the BRAC process to insure that neither Miami-Dade installation is on the list of bases recommended for closure or realignment to be released by the Secretary of Defense by May 16, 2005.

Section 9. Directs the County's federal and state contract lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation consistent with these objectives, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the federal and state legislative packages.

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Section 10. Directs the Clerk of the Board to provide copies of this resolution to each member of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor and members of the Florida Cabinet, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, and the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security and Justice.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of February, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.
Jess M. McCarty

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