

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

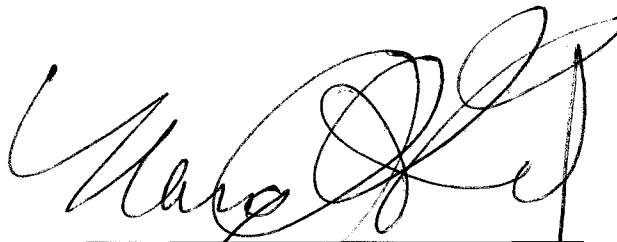
**DATE:** April 25, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution naming the Miami-  
Dade Transit Central  
Transportation Building after  
Rosa Parks

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (15)  
4-25-06

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NAMING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT  
CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION BUILDING AFTER ROSA  
PARKS

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks, a 42-year-old black woman, boarded the Cleveland Avenue bus after a day's work as a seamstress at a department store and sat in the middle rows of the bus; and

**WHEREAS**, segregation ordinances in effect at the time in Montgomery, like other cities in the South, required black passengers to ride in the back of buses, permitted black passengers to use the middle rows only until needed by white passengers, and reserved the front of the buses exclusively for white passengers; and

**WHEREAS**, along the route, the bus driver demanded that four black passengers give up their seats in the middle rows so a lone white man could sit there; and

**WHEREAS**, three complied, but Rosa Parks defied the bus driver's request, remained seated, and was thereafter arrested; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Parks' arrest led to a citywide boycott of Montgomery's buses that lasted thirteen months, with 40,000 black residents and employees carpooling, walking, and taking black-owned taxis that charged only the bus fare; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Parks' arrest set in motion a successful Supreme Court challenge to the Jim Crow laws that segregated public buses in the South; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Parks' act of civil disobedience captivated the nation and grew into a mythic event that helped touch off the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's; and

**WHEREAS**, the protest following Rosa Parks' arrest transformed a young minister named Martin Luther King, Jr. into a major civil rights leader; and

**WHEREAS**, as Georgia Congressman John Lewis recently said of Rosa Parks, "By sitting down, she stood up for all Americans"; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005, at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Parks dedication to equality directly impacted Miami-Dade County by facilitating the integration of the local transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County should honor the extraordinary actions of Rosa Parks by naming a bus facility in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed renaming of the Miami-Dade Transit Central Transportation Building is located in County Commission District 2,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board approves the renaming of the Miami-Dade Transit Central Transportation Building at 3300 NW 32 Avenue as the Rosa Parks Central Transportation Building.

The foregoing was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa 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	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

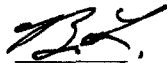
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Bruce Libhaber