

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

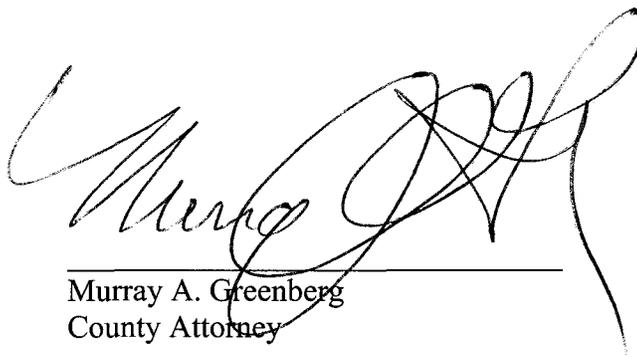
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
establishing a monument at
Kendall-Tamiami Executive
Airport to honor the memory
of the lives lost in the Bay of
Pigs Initiative

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto and Chairman Joe A. Martinez.



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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 _____

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5-9-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT BUSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO REVISIT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES IMPEDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MONUMENT AT KENDALL-TAMIAMI EXECUTIVE AIRPORT TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF FOUR AMERICAN AND TEN CUBAN PILOTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE BAY OF PIGS INITIATIVE AGAINST THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF FIDEL CASTRO; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF FAA AND ANY OTHER FEES THAT WOULD APPLY TO SAID MONUMENT

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1961, a group of Cuban pilots and American pilots from the Alabama National Guard flew B-26B Bombers in support of the Bay of Pigs initiative against the communist regime of Fidel Castro in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in providing air cover to the ground troops attempting to establish a beach head on the island, 14 of those pilots lost their lives when their aircrafts were downed; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban Pilots Association (CUPA), a non-profit organization comprised of pilots who participated in the Bay of Pigs initiative, have chosen to honor and preserve the memory of the four American and ten Cuban pilots who perished in the mission; and

WHEREAS, the CUPA approached the United States Air Force Museum (USAFM) to secure a B-26B Bomber similar to the ones flown at the Bay of Pigs from the USAFM's surplus military aircraft static display program; and

WHEREAS, the USAFM approved the transfer of the B-26B Bomber to Miami-Dade County, and CUPA paid \$25,000 from private donations to disassemble and transport the aircraft

from Travis Air Force Base in California to Miami-Dade County, and reassemble the aircraft at the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 1999 this Board, by Resolution R-224-99, authorized the County Manager to accept a surplus B-26B Bomber (Serial No. 44-35440) from the USAFM on behalf of Miami-Dade County for display as a monument at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport; and

WHEREAS, to date, CUPA has spent almost \$60,000 to transport the aircraft, prepare the site to display the B-26 Bomber, and over 1,000 volunteer hours by the members of CUPA in their efforts to establish this Bay of Pigs Air Force Monument; and

WHEREAS, CUPA has now learned that the Federal Aviation Administration is reluctant to facilitate the placement of a monument at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport to honor the memory of the four American and then Cuban pilots who lost their lives in support of the Bay of Pigs initiative against the communist regime of Fidel Castro; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has gone as far as to object to flying the U.S. flag and the Cuban flag at the monument by expressing concerns that it could potentially pose a risk for a terrorist strike against the facility; and

WHEREAS, the latest impediment by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), expressed in a letter dated January 5, 2006, includes a requirement that the volunteer members of CUPA pay an annual lease of \$44,574 simply for placing this monument at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport,

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

Section 1. Urges President Bush and his Administration to revisit the FAA's policies impeding the establishment of a monument at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport to honor the memory of the four American and ten Cuban pilots who lost their lives in support of the Bay of Pigs initiative against the communist regime of Fidel Castro.

Section 2. Respectfully requests that the Bush Administration and the FAA waive any fees that may apply to CUPA's Bay of Pigs monument at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport.

Section 3. Directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to work with the County Manager in securing the support and cooperation of the FAA for the establishment of CUPA's Bay of Pigs monument at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport and in getting fees waived.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush, United States Senators Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson, each member of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and Chairman Joe A. Martinez 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:

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| 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 Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 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.



Jess M. McCarty