

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (5)

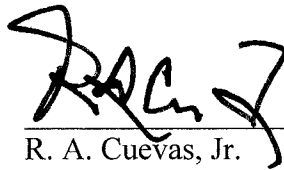
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 2, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United
States Congress to schedule
hearings and approve the
United States – Colombia
Trade Promotion Agreement

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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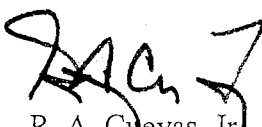


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Please note any items checked.

_____ "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)(5)
10-02-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO
SCHEDULE HEARINGS AND APPROVE A U.S. -
COLOMBIA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in 2006 Florida exported over \$1.6 billion worth of merchandise to
Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is currently ranked sixth among Florida's trading partners
moving 457,189 tons through the Port of Miami alone; and

WHEREAS, Florida's top exports to Colombia include computers, computer parts, and
machinery parts; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is the largest air trading partner for Miami International Airport
serving over 147 weekly passenger flights and 86 all-cargo flights; and

WHEREAS, Colombian floriculture generates an estimated 225,000 jobs in the United
States; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 over 250,000 Colombians visited Miami and contributed \$321
million to Florida's economy; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 Colombian-Americans reside in the State of
Florida; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is the longest standing democracy in South America and it is the
strongest ally to the United States in the region; and

WHEREAS, a Trade Promotion Agreement between the U.S. and Colombia would
further enhance trade between these two countries; and

WHEREAS, such a Trade Promotion Agreement has been signed, but must now be approved by the U.S. Congress,

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 to schedule hearings and approve a U.S. – Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 Federal Legislative Packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner 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:

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of October, 2007. 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.

JMM FOR

William X. Candela