

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(Q)

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

DATE: November 6, 2007

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

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating
portion of SW 147th Avenue
as Officer Jose Lazaro
Somohano Avenue

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner 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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11-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING SW 147TH
AVENUE FROM BIRD ROAD (SW 40TH STREET)
TO MILLER ROAD (SW 56TH STREET) AS OFFICER
JOSE LAZARO SOMOHANO AVENUE

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider codesignating SW 147th Avenue from Bird Road (SW 40th Street) to Miller Road (SW 56th Street) as Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano was born in Miami, Florida on June 2, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano graduated from Miami Southwest Senior High School in 1989; he obtained his Associate in Arts Degree from Miami-Dade College and a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano, who grew up wanting to be a police officer, was a Correctional Officer (Sergeant) at the South Florida Reception Center, then joined the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department where he was a detective, and then was hired by Miami-Dade Police Department on October 2003 where he was assigned to the Cutler Ridge District; and

WHEREAS, Officer Joe Lazaro Somohano lost his life when he was gunned down on September 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2007 Miami-Dade Police Department Director Robert Parker told thousands who packed the Florida International University arena that “as we mourn, we remember the man and the life he lived. Officer Somohano had a clear and guiding sense of purpose serving his entire adult life as a law enforcement officer. He was a

true hero who gave his life in service to the community and he will be remembered for his actions; ”and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Lt. Denise Bernhard delivered one of the most moving and colorful eulogies at the service giving everyone the sense that they knew Officer Somohano by recalling stories like the one where Somohano made coworkers laugh as he chased chickens in circles after a cockfighting bust, or how he was a neat freak who would start cleaning up while parties were going on; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano loved being a police officer, but he loved his family more. He was proud of and devoted to his wife Elizabeth, son Christopher, daughter Alyssa, his parents Jose and Ana, his sister Lorena, and brother Hubert; and

WHEREAS, heroes like Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano live forever in our hearts and will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano with this codesignation; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 11,

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

Section 1. This Board approves the codesignation of SW 147th Avenue from Bird Road (SW 40th Street) to Miller Drive (SW 56th Street) as Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano Avenue.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works Department and Land Development Division of the Public Works

Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by 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
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of November, 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.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

