MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	July 1, 2008
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging congress and the administrator of NASA to explore all possible domestic options to reduce or eliminate the need to procure foreign logistic services for the International Space Station Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
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

Veto _____

Override _____

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7-1-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE DOMESTIC OPTIONS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE NEED TO PROCURE FOREIGN LOGISTIC SERVICES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION COMMERCIAL ORBITAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (COTS) PROGRAM AND TO FULLY UTILIZE THE DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE OF THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION AND LAUNCH OF THESE CREW AND CARGO LOGISTIC OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the United States has a strategic interest in maintaining the nation's preeminence in spaceflight; and

WHEREAS, the spaceflight expertise at the Kennedy Space Center is a center of excellence that should be maintained after the discontinuance of Space Shuttle missions; and

WHEREAS, the United States has obligations to provide crew and cargo logistic services to the International Space Station after the Shuttle is retired; and

WHEREAS, until the Constellation Program reaches operational status, the U.S. currently plans to substantially fulfill those obligations by purchasing logistic services from Russia, notably Soyuz and Progress flights; and

WHEREAS, these plans make the United States largely dependent on the Russians in obtaining access to the International Space Station for a period of five year or more; and

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has executed Space Act Agreements under the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) Program to foster domestic commercial capability to provide crew and cargo logistics to the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, the COTS Program provides for four different cargo and crew logistic capabilities known as Capabilities A, B, C and D; and the United States is the world's premier spacefaring nation because the American aerospace industry has consistently provided solutions to national needs including those of NASA; and

WHEREAS, these talents should be tasked to providing domestic solutions to America's crew and cargo logistic needs; and resources to be spent on procuring Russian Soyuz and Progress logistic services would best be devoted to the development and procurement of domestic crew and cargo logistic capabilities,

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 and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to explore all possible domestic options to reduce or eliminate the need to procure foreign logistic services for the International Space Station Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) program and to fully utilize the demonstrated excellence of the Kennedy Space Center for the integration and launch of these crew and cargo logistic operations.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the two U.S. Senators that represent Florida, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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 2008 and 2009 Federal Legislative Packages.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was 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 Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of July, 2008. 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. CAL

Cynji A. Lee