MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(D)

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

DATE: July 17, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution joining the City of West Miami to co-designate a portion of SW 67 Avenue as Francisca O'Farrill Avenue

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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. 5(D)
7-17-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION JOINING THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI TO CO-DESIGNATE SW 67th AVENUE FROM SW 16th STREET TO CORAL WAY AS FRANCISCA O'FARRILL AVENUE

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider co-designating SW 67th Avenue from SW 16th Street to Coral Way as Francisca O'Farrill Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Francisca O'Farrill was born in Cuba, and at the early age of 8 became a "Rising Star" and recorded her first record; and

WHEREAS, Francisca O'Farrill graduated from Escuela Normal de Kindergarten as a teacher, also studied and became a piano teacher; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in the United States she graduated with a Masters Degree in Psychology from Carlos Albizu University; and

WHEREAS, in 1931, she married Dr. Mateo O'Farrill, and from that marriage two daughters were born, Marta and Sonia; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Francisca O'Farrill came to the United States and in 1972 started working in the Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, she was one of the first Cuban teachers chosen to work in the first center created for Latin children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Farrill was a teacher, a lead teacher and principal of several centers until her retirement in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Francisca O'Farrill founded the O'Farrill Learning Center, a not-for-profit education center, giving educational, social and early care to hundreds of children from low income families; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the Center has maintained accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the State of Florida currently recognizes the Center as "Gold Seal"; and

WHEREAS, as a singer Francisca O'Farrill has been very active, working under contract with the Miami Beach Philharmonic Orchestra for four years, performing concerts with artists such as Armando Manzanero and composers such as Rene Touzet; and

WHEREAS, as a soprano, she has performed in operas such as La Boheme; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Francisca O'Farrill sang at the National Convention of Head Start in Washington, D.C. in front of an audience of over 4,000 people among them President Bill Clinton and several U.S. Senators; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 6,

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

Section 1. Finds that Francisca O'Farrill has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community.

Section 2. Joins the City of West Miami and approves the co-designation of SW 67th Avenue from SW 16th Street to Coral Way as Francisca O'Farrill Avenue by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the City Manager for the City of West Miami, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals

and Signs Division of the Public Works Department, the Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

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 Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th 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.
Jess McCarty

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