

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 17, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution co-designating a  
portion of S.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street as  
"Eusebio Penalver Street"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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 Mayor'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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3-17-09

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING S.W. 16 STREET FROM  
S.W. 97<sup>TH</sup> TO S.W. 102<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE AS "EUSEBIO PENALVER  
STREET"

**WHEREAS**, Eusebio Penalver was born July 1, 1934 in the town of Ciego de Avila in the Cuban Province of Camaguey; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 1950s, Penalver joined the 26th of July Movement, but shortly after Fidel Castro gained control of Cuba, Penalver, then a young army officer, perceived the deceit of Castro, as Castro steered Cuba towards communism; and

**WHEREAS**, by the end of 1959, Penalver was conspiring against the Castro regime as a counterrevolutionary and by the beginning of 1960 he was second-in-command of the First National Front of the Escambray, an armed uprising headed by Sinesio Walsh Rios; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5th, 1960, Penalver was captured with a large and important group of guerilla fighters, and subsequently condemned to 30 years in prison; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver went on to spend more than 28 years in prison and was one of the longest serving political prisoners; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver was a Plantado, a term used to describe those political prisoner who refuse to do forced labor and ideological indoctrination and does not cooperate with his captors; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver was released in October, 1988, and came to the U.S. where he dedicated the rest of his life to fighting Castro's tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver went on to lead the “Plantados until Freedom and Democracy in Cuba,” a group of former Cuban political prisoners in exile that Castro once accused of plotting to assassinate the president of Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver passed away in May, 2006 at the age of 71 in Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver has been aptly described as a Cuban Patriot and was believed to be one of the world’s oldest and longest-standing black political prisoner of conscience, imprisoned for advocating free speech, free press, and free elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Penalver was loved and admired by the Cuban-American community for his dedication and courage in the fight for Cuba’s liberty, and his presence will be sorely missed; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor the memory of Eusebio Penalver by codesignating S.W. 16 Street from S.W. 97<sup>th</sup> to S.W. 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as “Eusebio Penalver Street”; and

**WHEREAS**, S.W. 16 Street from S.W. 97<sup>th</sup> to S.W. 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is a County road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 10,

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

**Section 1.** Codesignates S.W. 16 Street from S.W. 97<sup>th</sup> to S.W. 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as “Eusebio Penalver Street.”

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board 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 Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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:

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

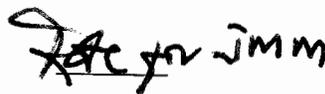
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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