MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

DATE: July 21, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to study the feasibility of preparing a report that would inventory the buildings and locations in Miami that played a significant role in the history of the United States, Cuba, and the world during the cold war

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto and Co-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 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILTY OF PREPARING A REPORT THAT WOULD INVENTORY THE BUILDINGS AND LOCATIONS IN MIAMI THAT PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, CUBA, AND THE WORLD DURING THE COLD WAR INCLUDING SITES ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATION PEDRO PAN, THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION, OPERATION MONGOOSE, AND THE CUBAN MISSLE CRISIS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County was the site of many historic events, operations, and organizations during the Twentieth Century struggle of the Cold War between the West and the Communist block; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County served as the stage of many of the most heart-wrenching, tragic, but also courageous, and inspirational campaigns in this great twilight struggle, including Operation Pedro Pan, the planning of the invasion of the Playa de Giron, the staging of Operation Mongoose, and the front line in the Cuban Missile Crisis; and

WHEREAS, these events have irrevocably shaped the Community of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, these events will have an enduring interest to students, scholars, tourists, and persons who desire to see and understand South Florida, Cuban, American, and world history; and

WHEREAS, buildings and improvements reflecting this history still abound in Miami-Dade County, including, for example, Camp Matecumbe, a youth camp for the children who, under Operation Pedro Pan, escaped Marxist-Lenninist indoctrination and Building 25 of the

Richmond Naval Air Station which served as regional headquarters for Operation Mongoose, the umbrella code name for covert C.I.A. operations against Communist Cuba; and

WHEREAS, these and similar locations should be identified and preserved to keep present and alive this vitally important part of history,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor or his Designee are directed to prepare a report regarding the feasibility of preparing (a) an inventory of sites in Miami-Dade County which are associated with the events or persons involved in major events from the Cold War Era including Operation Pedro Pan, the Bay of Pigs, Operation Mongoose, and the Cuban Missile Crisis; (b) a plan for the historic preservation designation or other methods to preserve significant sites; and (c) a plan for self-guided or other tour of such sites.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto and the Co-Sponsor 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:

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
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of July, 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. TWL

Thomas W. Logue