



MEMORANDUM**Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)**


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

DATE: November 3, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to codesignate N. Kendall
Drive/S.W. 88 Street from S.W. 137th
Avenue to S.W. 142nd Avenue as
"Manolo Capó Boulevard";
approving such codesignation

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Co-Sponsors Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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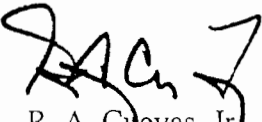


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required



Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-3-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
CODESIGNATE N. KENDALL DRIVE/S.W. 88 STREET
FROM S.W. 137TH AVENUE TO S.W. 142ND AVENUE AS
“MANOLO CAPÓ BOULEVARD”; APPROVING SUCH
CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Manuel “Manolo” Capó was a native of Pinar del Río, Cuba where his father, Simón, started a furniture store called Casa Capó in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, up to 1959, Manolo Capó and the Capó family built Casa Capó into one of the three most important furniture outlets in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Manolo Capó left Cuba in 1966 and seven months after arriving in the United States, Manolo Capó opened his own furniture store at Calle Ocho and 24th Avenue, named “El Dorado Furniture”; and

WHEREAS, Capó named El Dorado Furniture in honor of the small sailboat in which he and his children Luis and Carlos crossed the Straits of Florida fleeing the Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, Capó was later joined by his wife Aida to whom he was married for more than six decades, and Aida and Manuel had a total of seven children; and

WHEREAS, though a man of limited education, Capó built El Dorado Furniture to what it is today: a corporation with 11 stores in South Florida that employs over 1,000 employees with annual billings of \$150 million; and

WHEREAS, Capó was not only a savvy businessman, but also was active in the community, annually assisting Amigos for Kids, a children’s aid organization, by making an El

Dorado Furniture warehouse available to Amigos for Kids so that every year, particularly at Christmas, toys could be collected for needy children; and

WHEREAS, Manolo Capó passed away on Friday, July 10 at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, there is no better example of the success of the Cuban exile community than Manolo Capó and the business that he built in the U.S. from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Capó by urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate N. Kendall Drive/S.W. 88 Street from S.W. 137th Avenue To S.W. 142nd Avenue as “Manolo Capó Boulevard”; and

WHEREAS, section 334.071, Florida Statutes, provides that the installation of road designation signs shall be contingent on the applicable county or city commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary road designation; and

WHEREAS, before the Florida Department of Transportation will install signs reflecting the “Manolo Capó Boulevard” road codesignation, Miami-Dade County is required to pass a resolution in support of this road designation; and

WHEREAS, this state road designation would be located in District 11 if approved by the Legislature,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to codesignate N. Kendall Drive/S.W. 88 Street from S.W. 137th Avenue to S.W. 142nd Avenue as “Manolo Capó Boulevard”.

Section 2. Approves the codesignation of N. Kendall Drive/S.W. 88 Street from S.W. 137th Avenue to S.W. 142nd Avenue as “Manolo Capó Boulevard”.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor; the Senate President; the House Speaker; the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and directs that the 2010 state legislative package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and the Co-Sponsors are Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz and 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
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of November, 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

