MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 19, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting community efforts to address the well being of Florida's Congressional District 17, which was ranked third-to-last in the nation for overall social, mental and physical quality of life by the Gallup well-being index; directing the Mayor or designee to take certain actions to support these efforts

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

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County Attorney

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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE WELL BEING OF FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 17, WHICH WAS RANKED THIRD-TO-LAST IN THE NATION FOR OVERALL SOCIAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL QUALITY OF LIFE BY THE GALLUP WELL-BEING INDEX; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS

WHEREAS, District 17 was listed as one of the most "suffering" Congressional district in the United States by the Gallup Well-Being Index (WBI); and

WHEREAS, Congressional District 17 is comprised of municipalities or portions of municipalities such as: Biscayne Park, El Portal, Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Miami, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, Miramar, North Miami Beach, Opa Locka, Pembroke Park, Pembroke Pines and West Park; and

WHEREAS, Gallup studies human nature and behavior and assesses a society's well-being as measured by several metrics considered vital to community health and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the WBI's statistics were gathered by polling more than "350,000 Americans to track emotional and physical health, work environment and perception of access to resources such as water"; and

WHEREAS, Congressional District 17's rank reportedly fell 183 spots from 2009 to 2010, with the greatest decrease coming from residents' perspectives on their "life evaluation" and "work environment"; and

WHEREAS, the WBI statistics should spark the beginning of serious and critical research, conversations and actions to improve the well-being of Congressional District 17; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson of Congressional District 17 has taken the lead in addressing the WBI report, and has begun efforts to form a task force geared at determining the underlying causes of the District's poor showing and to encourage open dialogue and active interchange regarding ways of enhancing the prosperity of each neighborhood in Congressional District 17; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Black Caucus plans to include Miami, Florida in their four-city national "For the People" Jobs Initiative Tour scheduled for August 23, 2011, and is calling upon national and locally based private and public sector partners to help immediately remedy the current jobs crisis and participate in the job fair to provide legitimate, immediate employment and job readiness opportunities for underserved communities throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County should join the Congressional Black Caucus in their effort to address the unemployment crisis and the need for job creation solutions in underserved communities across the nation, including Congressional District 17; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County should not only join in the discussions concerning Congressional District 17, but should also follow the example of the Congressional Black Caucus in encouraging vibrant and effective public – private partnerships to provide employment opportunities in our community; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County should further make County personnel available to the District 17 task force, so as to ensure that the difficulties facing Congressional District 17 are quickly understood and expeditiously resolved,

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

Section 1. Supports community efforts to address the well being of Florida's Congressional District 17, which was ranked third-to-last in the nation for overall social, mental and physical quality of life by the Gallup Well Being Index.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to (a) play an active role in the Congressional District 17 task force discussions and make County personnel readily available to assist the task force in understanding the problems facing the community and in determining ways to improve the quality of life of residents; and (b) pursue creative mechanisms to encourage new, vibrant and effective public – private partnerships to benefit communities such as Congressional District 17.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 2011. 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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