

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(Q)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

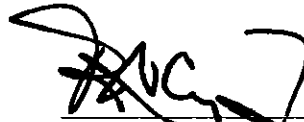
**DATE:** September 1, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution renaming the Boxing Center at Tropical Park as the Muhammad Ali boxing Center; after a public hearing and upon a three-fifths vote of the Board members present; directing the County Mayor to take all steps necessary to effectuate such name change

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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.

- "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 Mayor'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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-1-15

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE BOXING CENTER AT TROPICAL PARK AS THE MUHAMMAD ALI BOXING CENTER AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AND UPON A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH NAME CHANGE

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali, who was born on January 17, 1942, is known by many as “The Greatest,” is an Olympic gold medalist, and is widely considered to be among the best heavyweight boxers in boxing history and remains the only three-time lineal World Heavyweight Champion; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ali’s boxing training began when a Louisville police officer and boxing coach, Joe E. Martin, re-directed Mr. Ali’s anger over a stolen bicycle towards the sport of boxing; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond his own victories, Mr. Ali’s contributions to the sport of boxing are substantial and significant, starting from before the fight (i.e., the pre-fight taunting that led to Mr. Ali’s recognition as “The King of Trash Talk”) to the development of tactics and techniques that range from those he described as “float like a butterfly, sting like a bee” to the “rope-a-dope” strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, PBS premiered a documentary titled “Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami” that detailed how there might never have been a Muhammad Ali without Miami, where Mr. Ali trained with Angelo Dundee at the Fifth Street Gym in Miami Beach and, through skill and persistence, defeated Sonny Liston, becoming, at 22-years-old, the youngest person to take the title from a reigning heavyweight champion; and



**WHEREAS**, just as Mr. Ali profited in fame and talent from his time in Miami, this Board finds that Mr. Ali made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community by highlighting Miami as a place for world-class events and drawing attention to the cultural scene in Overtown, which was then considered “Harlem South”; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board considers it fitting and proper to recognize Mr. Ali’s contributions to boxing by renaming the boxing center at Tropical Park as the Muhammad Ali Boxing Center and, by doing so, encourage the youth of Miami-Dade County to engage in physical activity from a young age and seek a positive means of releasing their energy; and

**WHEREAS**, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding the proposed naming, renaming, or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities, or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility, or property is located; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Park is located in County Commission District 10, represented by Senator Javier D. Souto,

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

**Section 1.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing, and upon a three-fifths vote of the Board members present, renames the boxing center at Tropical Park as the Muhammad Ali Boxing Center.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or designee to take all steps necessary to reflect the renaming described in Section 1, including through the installation of suitable signage.





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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Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

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