

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 4, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution codesignating that  
portion of Southwest 37th  
Avenue (Douglas Road) between  
Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1  
as "James C. Colzie, Sr. Street"

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The accompanying resolutoin was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.

  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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
- Statement of social equity 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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) 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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4-4-23

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

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF  
SOUTHWEST 37TH AVENUE (DOUGLAS ROAD) BETWEEN  
GRAND AVENUE AND U.S. ROUTE 1 AS “JAMES C. COLZIE,  
SR. STREET”

**WHEREAS**, James C. Colzie, Sr. (“Colzie”) was born on July 12, 1920, in Montezuma, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, nicknamed “Fireball”, Colzie, a World War II veteran, pitched in the historic Negro Leagues between 1946 and 1956, mostly for the Indianapolis Clowns, a team with deep roots in Miami, and the Atlanta Black Crackers; and

**WHEREAS**, Colzie made his last appearance in the Negro Leagues in 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, the highlight of Colzie’s career was winning a pitching duel with Negro League legend Satchel Paige in Kansas City in 1947; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1960s, Colzie and his family settled in the Coconut Grove area of the County, where he worked in the dry-cleaning business; and

**WHEREAS**, Colzie also taught mathematics and history in junior high schools until his retirement, worked part time with little league teams for 20 years, and was an umpire in semi-professional baseball league for 12 years, all while sending his six children to college; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2010, Colzie died in Miami, Florida, aged 89; and

**WHEREAS**, Colzie, like many eminently talented Negro Leaguers of his day, never had a shot at playing in the Major Leagues; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2020, Major League Baseball officially took a step at “correcting a longtime oversight in the game’s history by officially elevating the Negro Leagues to ‘Major League’ status”; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to honor Colzie’s legacy by codesignating that portion of Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) between Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1 as “James C. Colzie, Sr. Street”; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) between Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1 is a County maintained road within the City of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, this codesignation is located in Commission District 7,

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

**Section 1.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing, this Board codesignates that portion of Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) between Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1 as “James C. Colzie, Sr. 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 Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Miami Police Department, and the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. 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:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman  
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

*D.P.C*

Dale P. Clarke