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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-500-07

RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE OPA-LOCKA HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START CENTER IN HONOR OF MRS. OPHELIA E. BROWN-LAWSON AND NAMING THIS COUNTY-OWNED BUILDING THE OPHELIA E. BROWN-LAWSON COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency Board of Directors, recognizes the public service career of Mrs. Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson and passed a Resolution recommending that the Board of County Commissioners dedicate the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center, located at 1645 NW 25th Avenue Miami, FL 33125, in her honor; and

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider naming the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center as the "Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson Community Enrichment Center;" and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown-Lawson has maintained a sterling record of helping low-income children, families and the elderly of this community for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown-Lawson has been faithfully serving Miami-Dade County since 1966 when she began her career in public service as a Head Start Teacher Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown-Lawson was appointed the director of the Community Action Agency (CAA) Head Start in 1982 and given the task of providing direct administrative oversight of 69 Head Start Centers and 700 employees serving approximately 5000 children and families with an annual budget of $28 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 she was appointed the Executive Director of CAA with a staff of more that 1200 employees and volunteers and an annual budget of $67 million; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown-Lawson consistently and tirelessly put forth stalwart efforts as an advocate, leader, and supporter for the economically disadvantaged in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, her impact improved the lives of so many in this County by enhancing the context of the community through the provision of social, educational, and economic development initiatives, services, and activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown-Lawson has gained national recognition for her role as a Head Start Director when President George H.W. Bush honored her in a special celebration at the White House Rose Garden; and

WHEREAS, she created an enduring legacy by positively shaping the lives of individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, although Mrs. Brown-Lawson's other achievements are too numerous to list, the Board of County Commissioners, following the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency Board of Directors' recommendation, would like to recognize her dedication and integral involvement with the Head Start program by naming the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center, located at 1645 NW 25th Avenue Miami, FL 33125, the "Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson Community Enrichment Center,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board finds Mrs. Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to Miami-Dade County, and names the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center, located at 1645 NW 25th Avenue Miami, FL 33125, the "Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson Community Enrichment Center;" this designation is being made pursuant to Section 2-1, Rule 9.02 of the Code of Miami-Dade County by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye		
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	absent
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of April, 2007. 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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DADE COUNTY FLORIDA

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	April 24, 2007
FROM:	Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution dedicating the Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center in honor of Mrs. Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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 Manager'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**