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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(26)
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-605-07

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPT TRUST FUND TO PAY COST OF SCULPTURE OF FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN TO BE LOCATED AT RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County constructed an Equestrian Center at Tropical Park in 2001; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2004, this Board honored former United States President Ronald W. Reagan ("President Reagan"), who lost his decade long battle with Alzheimer's Disease on June 5, 2004 at the age of 93, by renaming the Equestrian Center at Tropical Park as the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 1981, President Reagan took office as the fortieth President of the United States and served for two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, while in office, President Reagan skillfully guided legislation through Congress that stimulated economic growth, curbed inflation, increased employment, and strengthen national defense; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan was successful in overhauling the income tax code in 1986, which eliminated many deductions and exempted millions of people with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, in foreign policy, President Reagan sought to achieve "peace through strength," by increasing defense spending and seeking to improve relations with the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, in momentous meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, President Reagan negotiated a treaty that would eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan brought national attention to Miami-Dade County when he visited on May 20, 1983, a date which marked the 81st anniversary of Cuba's independence from Spain;

WHEREAS, during that visit, President Reagan spoke at the Dade County Auditorium in a two-hour and forty-two minute speech where he first engendered the idea of transmitting anti-Castro broadcasts from South Florida to Cuba, an idea that has manifested in the form of Radio Martí; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan again brought national attention to Miami-Dade County in 1987 when he and Pope John Paul II addressed the international press from Miami-Dade County's Vizcaya Museum and Gardens during the Pontiff's first visit to America; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan had a lifelong love and passion for horses and was an excellent rider; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor President Reagan by installing a life size sculpture depicting President Reagan on horseback in front of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to establish a President Ronald Reagan Sculpture Tax Deductible Trust Fund for the collection of tax deductible private sector contributions to pay for the cost of the President Ronald Reagan sculpture,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is requested (1) to establish a President Ronald W. Reagan Sculpture Tax Deductible Trust Fund as

soon as possible for the collection of tax deductible private sector contributions to pay for the cost of a life size sculpture depicting President Reagan on horseback ("Sculpture"); and (2) to identify a suitable location in front of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the installation of the Sculpture.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss 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	absent	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of May, 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

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Gerald T. Heffernan

MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: May 8, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing tax exempt trust fund to pay cost of sculpture of former President Ronald Reagan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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**