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Veto _____
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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)
10-02-07

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CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. R-1113-07

**RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO
SCHEDULE HEARINGS AND APPROVE A U.S. -
COLOMBIA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, in 2006 Florida exported over \$1.6 billion worth of merchandise to Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is currently ranked sixth among Florida's trading partners moving 457,189 tons through the Port of Miami alone; and

WHEREAS, Florida's top exports to Colombia include computers, computer parts, and machinery parts; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is the largest air trading partner for Miami International Airport serving over 147 weekly passenger flights and 86 all-cargo flights; and

WHEREAS, Colombian floriculture generates an estimated 225,000 jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 over 250,000 Colombians visited Miami and contributed \$321 million to Florida's economy; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 Colombian-Americans reside in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is the longest standing democracy in South America and it is the strongest ally to the United States in the region; and

WHEREAS, a Trade Promotion Agreement between the U.S. and Colombia would further enhance trade between these two countries; and

WHEREAS, such a Trade Promotion Agreement has been signed, but must now be approved by the U.S. Congress,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to schedule hearings and approve a U.S. - Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 Federal Legislative Packages.

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of October, 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.

JMM FOR

William X. Candela

MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: October 2, 2007

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United
States Congress to schedule
hearings and approve the
United States – Colombia
Trade Promotion Agreement

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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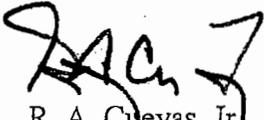


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
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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