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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

**DATE:** December 4, 2007

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging City of  
Miami to codesignate portion  
of NW 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue as Ramon  
and Polita Grau Alsina  
Avenue

**R-1347-07**

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

12-4-07

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. R-1347-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI TO  
CODESIGNATE NW 59<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FROM WEST  
FLAGLER STREET TO NW 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS  
RAMON AND POLITA GRAU ALSINA AVENUE

**WHEREAS**, Ramon and Polita Grau Alsina were born in Cuba to a family devoted to promote democracy and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, after Communism took over in Cuba, Ramon and Polita Grau Alsina, along with the Catholic Church and Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh, started Operation Peter Pan (Pedro Pan) in 1961, an organization dedicated to the rescue of Cuban children of all creeds and races; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramon and Polita Grau Alsina, together with the Catholic Welfare Bureau, were able to bring out of Cuba between 1961 and 1965 more than 14,000 children without their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, 28,000 visas were given to parents of the children in order to reunite the families; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, Ramon and Polita Grau Alsina were accused of being the brains behind Operation Peter Pan (Pedro Pan), tried, condemned to 30 years each in Cuban jails, and detained; and

**WHEREAS**, Polita Grau Alsina was released after serving 13 years with the condition that she leave Cuba immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, upon her arrival in Miami, Florida, she continued working to seek the release of Cuban political prisoners and the return of freedom and democracy to Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramon Grau Alsina served over 21 years of the 30 year prison term; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the intervention of the Catholic Conference of the United States, the Bishops of Florida and Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh, they were able to leave Cuba and reunite with their families in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramon Grau Alsina passed away on November 3, 1998 and Polita Grau Alsina passed away on March 21, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor them by having NW 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street to West Flagler Street codesignated as Ramon and Polita Grau Alsina Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in the City of Miami and in County Commission District 6,

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

Section 1. The Board urges the City of Miami to codesignate NW 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street to West Flagler Street as Ramon and Polita Grau Alsina Avenue.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor, members of the Miami City Commission and City Manager.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz** , 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	<b>aye</b>		
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>		Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>		Sally A. Heyman	<b>absent</b>
Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>		Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>
Dorrin D. Rolle	<b>aye</b>		Natacha Seijas	<b>aye</b>
Katy Sorenson	<b>absent</b>		Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>absent</b>			

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

Jess M. McCarty