

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(C)

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 codesignating
portion of SW 56th Street
as Officer Jose Lazaro
Somohano Street

R-1275-07

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



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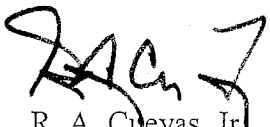


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-1275-07

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING SW 56TH STREET
(MILLER ROAD) FROM SW 147TH AVENUE TO
SW 157TH AVENUE AS OFFICER JOSE LAZARO
SOMOHANO STREET

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider codesignating SW 56th Street (Miller Road) from SW 147th Avenue to SW 157th Avenue as Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano Street; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano was born in Miami, Florida on June 2, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano graduated from Miami Southwest Senior High School in 1989; he obtained his Associate in Arts Degree from Miami-Dade College and a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano, who grew up wanting to be a police officer, was a Correctional Officer (Sergeant) at the South Florida Reception Center, then joined the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department where he was a detective, and then was hired by Miami-Dade Police Department on October 2003 where he was assigned to the Cutler Ridge District; and

WHEREAS, Officer Joe Lazaro Somohano lost his life when he was gunned down on September 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2007 Miami-Dade Police Department Director Robert Parker told thousands who packed the Florida International University arena that “as we mourn, we remember the man and the life he lived. Officer Somohano had a clear and guiding sense of purpose serving his entire adult life as a law enforcement officer. He was a

true hero who gave his life in service to the community and he will be remembered for his actions; ”and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Lt. Denise Bernhard delivered one of the most moving and colorful eulogies at the service giving everyone the sense that they knew Officer Somohano by recalling stories like the one where Somohano made coworkers laugh as he chased chickens in circles after a cockfighting bust, or how he was a neat freak who would start cleaning up while parties were going on; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano loved being a police officer, but he loved his family more. He was proud of and devoted to his wife Elizabeth, son Christopher, daughter Alyssa, his parents Jose and Ana, his sister Lorena, and brother Hubert; and

WHEREAS, heroes like Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano live forever in our hearts and will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano with this codesignation; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 11,

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

Section 1. This Board approves the codesignation of SW 56th Street (Miller Road) from SW 147th Avenue to SW 157th Avenue as Officer Jose Lazaro Somohano Street

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works Department and Land Development Division of the Public Works

Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "RAC", is written over a horizontal line.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

A handwritten mark, possibly a stylized "S" or a checkmark, is written in dark ink.