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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

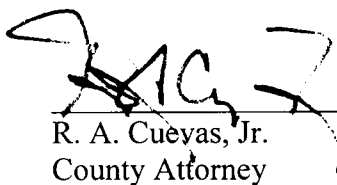
DATE: July 20, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Florida Legislature to co-
designate a portion of SW 87
Avenue as "Rev. Jorge
Comesañas Way"

Resolution No. R-817-10

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto and Co-Sponsor Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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Please note any items checked.

- "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**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

7-20-10

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-817-10

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
CO-DESIGNATE SW 87TH AVENUE FROM SW 8TH STREET
TO SW 24TH STREET AS "REV. JORGE COMESAÑAS WAY"

WHEREAS, Reverend Jorge Comesañas was born on April 18, 1940 in San Miguel del Padrón, Habana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Reverend Comesañas entered the seminary at "Seminario Bautista de Cuba Occidental" and thereafter began a mission in the town of Buenavista, Habana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 1963, Reverend Comesañas was ordained as a pastor, and on December 16, 1963, Reverend Comesañas married Carmen Figueroa; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1965, Reverend Comesañas sent his wife and son to the U.S. to live with family in Sarasota, Florida, while he stayed in Cuba, having been prohibited by the Cuban government from leaving; and

WHEREAS, from December 1965 to 1968, Reverend Comesañas was the interim pastor at four different churches at the same time because the Castro regime incarcerated the pastors of these churches; and

WHEREAS, in January 1968, Reverend Comesañas arrived in the U.S. to join his family, and began serving as a missionary from Naples to Sarasota for the Home Mission Board, Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, in June 1970, Reverend Comesañas moved to Decatur, Georgia, and became pastor to a Spanish mission that later established a church in Atlanta, Georgia called “Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana”; and

WHEREAS, from 1976 to 1979, Reverend Comesañas served as pastor to “Iglesia Bautista Resurrección” in Bergenfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1982, Reverend Comesañas served as pastor to a Spanish mission that later established a church in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 1982, Reverend Comesañas returned to Miami and became pastor at “Primera Iglesia Bautista de Coral Park”; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Comesañas, the First Baptist Church of Coral Park grew over the following three decades such that by 2009, it had eight (8) pastors, three (3) locations and a budget close to \$2 million; helped with missions in many countries including Nicaragua, Paraguay, Cuba, Mexico and Guatemala, as well as countries in the Middle East, and provided a Christian Learning Center that included a daycare and an elementary school with 30 teachers and 210 students; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2009, Reverend Comesañas retired, but then shortly thereafter, a church in Hialeah Gardens, “Nuevo Amanecer”, was in need of a pastor and Reverend Comesañas agreed to become that church’s interim pastor; and

WHEREAS, in January 2010, “Nuevo Amanecer” united with First Baptist Church of Hialeah Gardens and moved to 13090 NW 107th Avenue with Reverend Comesañas as its pastor; and

WHEREAS, in April 2010, Reverend Comesañas was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and underwent surgery, with radiation and chemotherapy thereafter, but Reverend Comesañas nonetheless continues his life's work; and

WHEREAS, SW 87th Avenue from SW 8th Street to SW 24th Street is a state road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to recognize the contributions Reverend Comesañas has made to this community by urging the Florida Legislature to co-designate SW 87th Avenue from SW 8th Street to SW 24th Street as "Rev. Jorge Comesañas Way"; and

WHEREAS, this proposed co-designation is located in County Commission District 10,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to co-designate SW 87th Avenue from SW 8th Street to SW 24th Street as "Rev. Jorge Comesañas Way".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2011 state legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Sen. Javier D. Souto and the Co-Sponsor is Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Sen. Javier D. Souto** 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of July, 2010. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty