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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 19, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution re-naming the Arena/State Plaza Metromover Station the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Metromover Station

Resolution No. R-599-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

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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
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION RE-NAMING THE ARENA/STATE PLAZA METROMOVER STATION THE WILKIE D. FERGUSON, JR. METROMOVER STATION

WHEREAS, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. attended segregated public schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida A&M College, where he met his wife, Betty, who later served with distinction as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. served his country as a paratrooper and infantry officer in the United States Army and Army Reserves, rising to the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Howard University School of Law in 1968, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. was appointed to a presidential panel to investigate the 1968 Liberty City riots; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., upon his appointment by Governor Reuben Askew, became the first African-American to serve as a Judge in Dade County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, upon his appointment in 1980 to the Third District Court of Appeal, Wilkie D. Ferguson became the first African-American Judge to serve on that Court; and

WHEREAS, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. served on the Third District Court of Appeal until 1993 when President Clinton nominated him to serve as a United States District Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. served as a federal judge until his passing in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Arena/State Plaza Metromover Station is the closest station to the new federal courthouse, which is named after Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Arena/State Plaza Metromover Station is located at 90 N.W. 5th Street, within County Commission District 5,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the re-naming of the Arena/State Plaza Metromover Station at 90 N.W. 5th Street as the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Metromover Station.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Bruno A. Barreiro**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			aye
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice-Chairwoman			absent
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 2011. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber