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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 18, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution naming baseball field number 5 at Tamiami Park, located at 11201 Southwest 24th Street, as the "Ovidio Acosta Baseball Field"
Resolution No. R-472-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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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 Mayor'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 NO. R-472-13

RESOLUTION NAMING BASEBALL FIELD NUMBER 5 AT TAMIAMI PARK, LOCATED AT 11201 SOUTHWEST 24TH STREET, AS THE "OVIDIO ACOSTA BASEBALL FIELD," AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE DISTRICT 11 COMMISSIONER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE INDICATING DESIGNATION USING DISTRICT 11 QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (QNIP) FUNDS

WHEREAS, Ovidio Acosta, born in Cuba on July 12, 1919, founded the Miami Friends Baseball Association, Inc., in 1986 as a non-profit corporation that provides baseball programs to Miami-Dade County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Ovidio Acosta served as President of the Miami Friends Baseball Association from its founding until his death on April 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Friends Baseball Association has been tremendously successful in giving the youth of Miami-Dade County access to baseball programs, growing from 13 teams and 124 participants in 1986 to 98 teams and 1,201 participants in 2012; and

WHEREAS, by waiving league fees and providing financial assistance and spiritual guidance to underprivileged families, Ovidio Acosta ensured that access to Miami Friends Baseball Association's successful program was not limited to those children whose families had the financial means to afford it; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing a successful and accessible baseball program to Miami-Dade County's youth, Ovidio Acosta and the Miami Friends Baseball Association were instrumental in securing substantial improvements to the baseball fields at Tamiami Park, including the lighting on fields 9 through 12; and

WHEREAS, the successes and contributions of Ovidio Acosta and the Miami Friends Baseball Association have been consistently recognized by local governments—including Miami-Dade County in 1992, 1996, 1997, 2000, and 2010 and the City of Sweetwater in 1993—and merited the receipt, in 2002, of the Diamond Award from United to Serve America; and

WHEREAS, by naming a field at Tamiami Park as the "Ovidio Acosta Baseball Field," this Board desires to make a lasting recognition of Ovidio Acosta's legacy as a selfless servant to the Miami-Dade County community and mentor and friend to the thousands of baseball players that have played at Tamiami Park,

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

Section 1. After a public hearing, desires to honor Ovidio Acosta's legacy by naming baseball field number 5 at Tamiami Park, located at 11201 Southwest 24th Street, as the "Ovidio Acosta Baseball Field".

Section 2. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to coordinate and work with the Commissioner of District 11 to install an appropriate marker to indicate this designation using District 11 Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program (QNIP) funds.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Ovidio Acosta's next of kin.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **Juan C. Zapata**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sen Javier D. Souto** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of June, 2013. 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. MAG

Miguel A. Gonzalez