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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

DATE: September 17, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring the life and contributions to Miami-Dade County of Dr. Gerard A. Kaiser, M.D.

Resolution No. R-767-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto and Co-Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

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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 HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OF DR. GERARD A. KAISER, M.D.

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerard Kaiser was a pioneering pediatric heart surgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital who helped thousands of patients and saved countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser became Jackson Memorial Hospital's Chief of Surgery in 1971 and helped perform the first successful heart transplant in Florida in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser trained hundreds of residents at Jackson Memorial Hospital, a number of whom went on to become chiefs of surgery in hospitals throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser served as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Jackson Health System and Senior Associate Dean of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, in his senior management role, Dr. Kaiser strengthened the relationship between the Jackson Health System and the Miller School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser founded the "Lubb Dubb Club" to help pediatric heart "...patients to stay in touch..." as they became adults; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser worked tirelessly for the past 40 years to help make Jackson Memorial Hospital one of the top destinations for clinical excellence for every patient, regardless of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser was recently honored with the Benjamin Leon, Jr. Founding Dean's Award for his role in establishing the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser passed away on June 28 at the age of 80, leaving a profound impact on the Jackson Health System and Miami-Dade County as a whole,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby honors the life and contributions to Miami-Dade County of Gerard A. Kaiser, M.D., a compassionate surgeon and vital community leader.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto and the Co-Sponsor is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of September, 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. for CCK

Christopher C. Kokoruda