

GOOD EVENING.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE PARKER FAMILY. YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ALL OF US THE TYPE OF PERSON BOBBY WAS.

THAT IS WHY, RATHER THAN ONLY FOCUSING ON THE SADNESS OF HIS LOSS WHICH CAME TOO SOON, WE SHOULD ALSO REFLECT ON ALL THAT HE DID TO MAKE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY A BETTER COMMUNITY.

THROUGH HIS OVER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY, BOBBY PARKER ALWAYS PUT SERVICE TO OTHERS ABOVE ALL ELSE.

HE HELPED PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AS A POLICE OFFICER, AND BEFORE THAT HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES. BOBBY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, HE WORKED HARD AND MOVED UP THE RANKS OF WHAT IS NOW ONE OF THE TEN LARGEST POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

AND ALL HIS EFFORTS PAID OFF...

IN 2004, BOBBY PARKER MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**IN TOTAL, HE SPENT 33 YEARS WITH THE MDPD,
INCLUDING FIVE AS DIRECTOR.**

**AS A RESULT OF HIS COMMITMENT TO THE MDPD
AND HIS FELLOW OFFICERS, I BELIEVE BOBBY MAY
HAVE INSPIRED MANY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
RESIDENTS TO COMMIT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND
PROBABLY TO CAREERS AS POLICE OFFICERS.**

**SIMPLY STATED -- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NEEDS
MORE PUBLIC SERVANTS LIKE DIRECTOR PARKER
AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS SERVICE.**

**I THANK HIM *AND HIS FAMILY* - BECAUSE YOU WERE
A PART OF HIS SUCCESS - FOR THEIR SACRIFICES
THROUGHOUT ALL THOSE YEARS HE WAS WITH THE
MDPD. WE ARE A BETTER, SAFER COUNTY BECAUSE
OF HIS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OUR BRAVE POLICE
OFFICERS.**

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

I AM HONORED.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.