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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: February 7, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving naming the rotunda area in walking path within Francisco Human Rights Park as "The Vaclav Havel Rotunda"

Resolution No. R-106-12

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

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County Attorney

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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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2-7-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-106-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING NAMING THE ROTUNDA AREA IN WALKING PATH WITHIN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS PARK LOCATED AT 9445 SW 94TH STREET AS "THE VACLAV HAVEL ROTUNDA", AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH DISTRICT 10 COMMISSIONER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE MARKER INDICATING DESIGNATION USING DISTRICT 10 OFFICE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Vaclav Havel was born in Prague, Czech Republic on October 5, 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havel led the former Czechoslovakia's dissident human rights movement, was repeatedly jailed by the Communist government, and was adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havel was a Czech playwright, essayist, poet, dissident, and human rights defender who spoke up for human rights around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havel inspired his people, and millions more across Eastern Europe, to stand up for democracy and fundamental human rights in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds because, as Mr. Havel once said, "it's up to all of us to try- and those that say that individuals are not capable of changing anything are only looking for excuses;" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havel was also a politician and was the last president of the former Czechoslovakia (1989–1992) and the first President of the Czech Republic (1993–2003); and

WHEREAS, Amnesty International named Vaclav Havel as its inaugural "Ambassador of Conscience" in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havel was the recipient of the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Gandhi Peace Prize, the Philadelphia Liberty Medal, the Order of Canada, the freedom medal of the Four Freedoms Award, the Ambassador of Conscience Award and several other distinctions; and

WHEREAS, Vaclav Havel passed away on December 18, 2011 and at the time of his death he was Chairman of the Human Rights Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most emblematic figures of the 20th century for human rights and the fight for democracy, it is only appropriate that this Board honor Mr. Havel's legacy by naming the rotunda area in the walking path within the Francisco Human Rights Park as "The Vaclac Havel Rotunda",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, after a public hearing, desires to honor Vaclav Havel's legacy by approving the naming of the rotunda area in the walking path within the Francisco Human Rights Park located at 9445 SW 94th Street as "The Vaclac Havel Rotunda" and further directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to coordinate and work with the District 10 Commissioner to install an appropriate marker at the aforementioned site using District 10 office funds.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2012. 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.

Monica Rizo