

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution joining the City of Miami Gardens in urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate NW 47th Avenue from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive as “Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard”; approving such codesignation

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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**
- Statement of social equity 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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)
12-3-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION JOINING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS IN URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CODESIGNATE NW 47TH AVENUE FROM NW 199TH STREET TO NW 207TH DRIVE AS “CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA S. WILSON BOULEVARD”; APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2024, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens passed a resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate NW 47th Avenue from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive as “Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard” and requesting the support of this Board for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson has served the community with distinction over the years, advocating tirelessly for the betterment of her constituents and ensuring that the voices of the underserved are heard; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to education, economic development, public safety, and social justice has positively impacted countless individuals and families across all of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Wilson’s accomplishments during her many years of public service include:

- Education Advocacy: Congresswoman Wilson has been a fierce advocate for education, founding the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, a dropout prevention and mentoring program for at-risk youth, which has been instrumental

in changing the lives of thousands of young men by providing mentorship, scholarships, and positive guidance;

- Support for Veterans: Congresswoman Wilson has worked diligently to support veterans, advocating for improved healthcare services, benefits, and support programs for those who have served the country; and
- Job Creation and Economic Development: Congresswoman Wilson has worked to create job opportunities and foster economic development in her district, focusing on empowering small businesses and ensuring that underrepresented communities have access to economic resources; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to recognize Congresswoman Wilson for her extensive service and contributions to the community as a dedicated public servant by joining the City of Miami Gardens in urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate NW 47th Avenue from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive as “Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard”; and

WHEREAS, because NW 47th Avenue is a state road, the Florida Legislature would be required to codesignate this road; and

WHEREAS, section 334.071, Florida Statutes, provides that the erection of markers for a state road designation shall be contingent upon the appropriate city or county commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary designation; and

WHEREAS, that portion of NW 47th Avenue from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive is a state road located partially in the City of Miami Gardens and partially in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 1,

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

Section 1. Joins the City of Miami Gardens in urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate NW 47th Avenue from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive as “Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard”.

Section 2. Approves such codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Miami Gardens Police Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Department.

Section 4. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2025 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodríguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	Roberto J. Gonzalez
Keon Hardemon	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency. MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci



Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting: City Council - Nov 13 2024

Department Mayor and City Council	Sponsored By Councilman Reggie Leon
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Agenda Item Title

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE FLORIDA SENATE TO CODESIGNATE NW 47TH AVENUE FROM NW 199TH STREET TO NW 207TH DRIVE AS CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA S. WILSON BOULEVARD; REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THROUGH DISTRICT1 OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF PRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary

Councilman Leon is recommending that the City Council urge the Florida House of Representatives and the Senate to co-designation of NW 47th Avenue, from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive, as Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard in recognition of her extensive service and contributions to the community as a dedicated public servant.

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson has served the community with distinction over the years, advocating tirelessly for the betterment of her constituents and ensuring that the voices of the underserved are heard. Congresswoman Wilson's career in public service began in the Florida Legislature, where she served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2002 and then as a member of the Florida Senate from 2002 to 2010. During her tenure in the Florida Senate, she held the position of Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore.

In 2011, Congresswoman Wilson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where she continues to serve as a strong advocate for her community. Her commitment to education, economic development, public safety, and social justice has positively impacted countless individuals and families.

Throughout her years in public service, Congresswoman Wilson has achieved numerous milestones, including:

- **Education Advocacy:** Congresswoman Wilson has been a fierce advocate for education. She founded the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, a dropout prevention and mentoring program for at-risk youth, which has been instrumental in changing the lives of thousands of young men by providing

mentorship, scholarships, and positive guidance.

- **Support for Veterans:** Congresswoman Wilson has worked diligently to support veterans, advocating for improved healthcare services, benefits, and support programs for those who have served the country.
- **Legislation on Social Justice:** As a member of Congress, she has championed social justice causes, including initiatives focused on criminal justice reform and police accountability. Her advocacy has highlighted the importance of fairness, equity, and community trust in law enforcement.
- **Job Creation and Economic Development:** Congresswoman Wilson has worked to create job opportunities and foster economic development in her district, focusing on empowering small businesses and ensuring that underrepresented communities have access to economic resources.

Designating this section of NW 47th Avenue as Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard is a fitting tribute to her lifelong dedication to public service and community advocacy. This co-designation will serve as a constant reminder of her legacy and inspire future generations to contribute positively to society.

The attached Resolution would urge members of the Florida House of Representative and the Senate representing the Miami Gardens area to submit the appropriate bills for this purpose as this portion of NW 47th Avenue is considered a State Road. In addition, the Resolution would request the support of this co-designation from Miami-Dade County Commissioners through the office of Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert.

Fiscal Impact/Business Impact Statement

Recommended Action

Attachments

[Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard Resolution. 2024](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE FLORIDA SENATE TO CODESIGNATE NW 47TH AVENUE FROM NW 199TH STREET TO NW 207TH DRIVE AS CONGRESSWOMAN FEDERICA S. WILSON BOULEVARD; REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THROUGH DISTRICT 1 OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Councilman Leon is recommending that the City Council urge the Florida House of Representatives and the Senate to co-designate NW 47th Avenue, from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive, as Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard in recognition of her extensive service and contributions to the community as a dedicated public servant, and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson has served the community with distinction over the years, advocating tirelessly for the betterment of her constituents and ensuring that the voices of the underserved are heard, and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Congresswoman Wilson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where she continues to serve as a strong advocate for her community, and

WHEREAS, designating NW 47th Avenue, from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive as Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard is a fitting tribute to her lifelong dedication to public service and community advocacy, and

WHEREAS, this co-designation will serve as a constant reminder of her legacy and inspire future generations to contribute positively to society, and

WHEREAS, this Resolution urges members of the Florida House of Representative and the Senate representing the Miami Gardens to submit the

32 appropriate bills for this purpose as this portion of NW 47th Avenue is considered a
33 State Road, and

34 WHEREAS, this Resolution requests the support of this co-designation from
35 Miami-Dade County Commissioners through the office of Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert,

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
37 OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

38 Section 1: ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas
39 paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby
40 made a specific part of this Resolution.

41 Section 2: AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens
42 hereby urges the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate to co-
43 designate NW 47th Avenue from NW 199th Street to NW 207th Drive as
44 Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson Boulevard. The City Council further requests
45 support from Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners through District 1
46 Office for this purpose.

47 Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately
48 upon its final passage.

49 (PASSED, ADOPTED, DEFERRED, WITHDRAWN OR FAILED) BY THE CITY
50 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON
51 _____, 2024.

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RODNEY HARRIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARIO BATAILLE, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN REGGIE LEON

Moved by: _____

VOTE: _____

Mayor Rodney Harris	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Katrina Wilson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Michelle Powell	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Katrina Baskin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Linda Julien	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Robert Stephens, III	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Reggie Leon	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)