

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(C)

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

DATE: April 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution renaming the North
Dade Regional Library the
“Frederica S. Wilson Regional
Library” by a three-fifths vote of
Board members present;
suspending Rule 9.02(d)(ii) by a
two-thirds vote of commissioners
present as it relates to this item

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



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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
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present , 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's , unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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. 5(C)
4-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE NORTH DADE REGIONAL LIBRARY THE “FREDERICA S. WILSON REGIONAL LIBRARY” BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; SUSPENDING RULE 9.02(D)(II) BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AS IT RELATES TO THIS ITEM

WHEREAS, the North Dade Regional Library is a County-owned public library located at 2455 Northwest 183rd Street in Miami Gardens, Florida and in County Commission District 1, represented by Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson (“Congresswoman Wilson”) proudly represents Florida’s 24th Congressional District encompassing parts of North Miami-Dade, including the area surrounding the North Dade Regional Library; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Wilson was born Frederica Smith on November 5, 1942, in Miami and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Fisk University and her Master of Science degree from the University of Miami, both in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, she then served as the principal of Skyway Elementary School in Miami before leaving that position to serve on the Miami-Dade County School Board; and

WHEREAS, one of the long-lasting impacts of Congresswoman Wilson is her establishment of the 500 Role Models of Excellence Project while serving as a member of the Miami-Dade County School Board; and

WHEREAS, this innovative mentoring program was inspired by the extraordinary impact of positive male influence on the attitudes and performance that she witnessed as a school principal; and

WHEREAS, the program is now known as the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and continues to positively influence the lives of thousands of young men in our community; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Wilson served in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, where her colleagues elected her Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore and Minority Whip; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Congresswoman Wilson was first elected to the United States House of Representatives, where she currently serves as the Ranking Democrat on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee and also as a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Education and Workforce Committee; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Wilson's numerous congressional efforts have included initiatives to improve education, expand workforce opportunities, and support Florida's ports and waterways; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Wilson also serves as the founder and Chair of the U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys and the founder of the Florida Ports Caucus in Congress; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board's Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding the proposed naming, renaming, or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility, or property is located; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 also provides that the Board may by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present name a County road, facility or property after a living individual who "has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community"; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(d)(ii) provides that the naming, renaming or designation of any County road, facility, or property may not be for any elected municipal, county, state or federal official currently serving or having served in any office within the last five years; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to suspend Rule 9.02(d)(ii) by a two-thirds vote of commissioners present and honor Congresswoman Wilson by renaming the North Dade Regional Library the “Frederica S. Wilson Regional Library”; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Wilson has made direct, significant contributions to Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals, incorporates such recitals into this resolution, and finds that Congresswoman Wilson has made direct, significant lifetime contributions to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, renames the North Dade Regional Library the “Frederica S. Wilson Regional Library”.

Section 3. By a two-thirds vote of commissioners present, suspends Rule 9.02(d)(ii) of the Rules of Procedure of the County Commission as it relates to consideration and approval of 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 Rodriguez, Chairman
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman
Marleine Bastien
Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez
Danielle Cohen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis
Micky Steinberg
Juan Carlos Bermudez
Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Keon Hardemon
Vicki L. Lopez
Raquel A. Regalado

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2026. 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer