

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 19, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of SW 57th Avenue (Red
Road) from SW 80th Street to
SW 88th Street as "Nilda R.
Pedrosa Way"; urging the City of
South Miami to join in this
codesignation

Resolution No. R-985-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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 ____, 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) ____, or 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 _____

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10-19-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-985-21

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF SW
57TH AVENUE (RED ROAD) FROM SW 80TH STREET TO SW
88TH STREET AS “NILDA R. PEDROSA WAY”; URGING THE
CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI TO JOIN IN THIS CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, through a distinguished and impactful career in public service that spanned more than two decades, Nilda R. Pedrosa proudly served her beloved Miami-Dade County community, the State of Florida, and the United States in various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, born on February 24, 1974, at Mercy Hospital to a Cuban American father and a Puerto Rican mother, Pedrosa grew up in Miami and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy before attending Miami Dade College and Florida International University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Pedrosa went on to earn her law degree from New England Law in Boston in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Pedrosa served in the U.S. Department of State as the Secretary of State’s liaison to state and local governments, and also served in both houses of the U.S. Congress, including as a Senior Policy Advisor to U.S. Senator Mel Martinez from 2005 to 2008 and as Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz Balart from 2009 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Pedrosa was also Chief of Staff to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi from 2013 to 2019, a role in which she worked on the development and implementation of major policy initiatives, including the fight against human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Pedrosa also served on three different Florida Judicial Nominating Commissions, including as Vice Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Pedrosa served in the U.S. Department of State, first as the State Department's White House Liaison and then as Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, making her the highest-ranking woman in the State Department at that time and only the second Hispanic to serve as an Under Secretary; and

WHEREAS, equally committed to serving the Miami-Dade County community, Pedrosa also previously served as the founding Director of Public Policy & Governmental Relations at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, as an Assistant Dean of the Florida International University College of Law, and as a Board Member of Amigos For Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Pedrosa passed away at the age of 46 on January 23, 2021, after her courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Pedrosa is survived by her loving husband Eliot and two young twins, Emma Rose and Elias; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Pedrosa's contributions to her community and country, and to honor her memory, this Board would like to codesignate that portion of SW 57th Avenue (Red Road) from SW 80th Street to SW 88th Street as "Nilda R. Pedrosa Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of SW 57th Avenue (Red Road) from SW 80th Street to SW 88th Street is a County-maintained road located in the City of South Miami and County Commission District 7,

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

Section 1. Having considered the matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of SW 57th Avenue (Red Road) from SW 80th Street to SW 88th Street as “Nilda R. Pedrosa Way”.

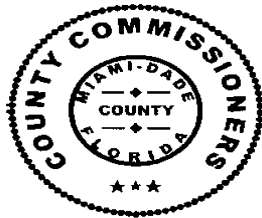
Section 2. Urges the City of South Miami to join in this codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami, 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 Miami-Dade Police Department, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, and the South Miami Police Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of October, 2021. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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