

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

DATE: May 17, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring
Gerard G. Moss for his brave and
exemplary service during
World War II

Resolution No. R-492-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-492-22

RESOLUTION HONORING GERARD G. MOSS FOR HIS
BRAVE AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR
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WHEREAS, veterans who served with the Allied Forces during World War II have been famously described as the greatest generation that any society has ever produced; and

WHEREAS, among those veterans is a resident of Miami-Dade County, Gerard G. Moss, who will celebrate his 100th birthday in 2022; and

WHEREAS, as a 16-year-old Jewish teen, Moss was captured by the Nazis and placed in the notorious Dachau concentration camp near Munich, Germany; and

WHEREAS, as he recounts the story of his capture, Moss was arrested by Nazis and taken straight from a railroad station to Dachau; and

WHEREAS, Dachau was opened in March of 1933 and, true to the words of a Nazi who spoke at its opening, was a place where there was “no room for sentimentalism,” and a place that ultimately claimed the lives of over 41,500 prisoners and was the site of medical experiments on prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Moss witnessed some of these atrocities during his month-long internment at the Dachau concentration camp before his friends and family were able to arrange his release and subsequent escape to Palestine; and

WHEREAS, motivated by the wrongs that he saw at Dachau, a then 17-year-old Moss volunteered for the British Army where he was placed in an infantry squad; and

WHEREAS, during his service with the British Army, Moss was assigned to the Greek islands where he worked on clearing mines and explosives from fields; and

WHEREAS, once the Germans lost the war—an outcome that Moss predicted when Nazi Germany opened a second front by invading Russia—Moss was charged with overseeing Germans who had surrendered; and

WHEREAS, Moss’ service ended in 1946 when he was discharged from the British Army; and

WHEREAS, Moss then became a resident of Miami-Dade County, where he worked as a certified public accountant for decades and where he was able to see loved ones who escaped and survived the Nazi atrocities; and

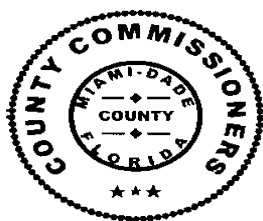
WHEREAS, this Board desires to honor Moss for his dedicated service in pursuit of peace and freedom during World War II,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby honors Gerard G. Moss for his brave and exemplary service during World War II.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Jean Monestime**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** 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	absent	Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of May, 2022. 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

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Miguel A. Gonzalez