

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 4, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of Southwest 37th
Avenue (Douglas Road) between
Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1
as "James C. Colzie, Sr. Street"

Resolution No. R-261-23

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


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 ____, 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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4-4-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-261-23

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF
SOUTHWEST 37TH AVENUE (DOUGLAS ROAD) BETWEEN
GRAND AVENUE AND U.S. ROUTE 1 AS “JAMES C. COLZIE,
SR. STREET”

WHEREAS, James C. Colzie, Sr. (“Colzie”) was born on July 12, 1920, in Montezuma, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, nicknamed “Fireball”, Colzie, a World War II veteran, pitched in the historic Negro Leagues between 1946 and 1956, mostly for the Indianapolis Clowns, a team with deep roots in Miami, and the Atlanta Black Crackers; and

WHEREAS, Colzie made his last appearance in the Negro Leagues in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of Colzie’s career was winning a pitching duel with Negro League legend Satchel Paige in Kansas City in 1947; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Colzie and his family settled in the Coconut Grove area of the County, where he worked in the dry-cleaning business; and

WHEREAS, Colzie also taught mathematics and history in junior high schools until his retirement, worked part time with little league teams for 20 years, and was an umpire in semi-professional baseball league for 12 years, all while sending his six children to college; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2010, Colzie died in Miami, Florida, aged 89; and

WHEREAS, Colzie, like many eminently talented Negro Leaguers of his day, never had a shot at playing in the Major Leagues; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, Major League Baseball officially took a step at “correcting a longtime oversight in the game’s history by officially elevating the Negro Leagues to ‘Major League’ status”; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Colzie’s legacy by codesignating that portion of Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) between Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1 as “James C. Colzie, Sr. Street”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) between Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1 is a County maintained road within the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in Commission District 7,

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

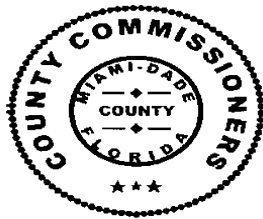
Section 1. Having considered this matter at a public hearing, this Board codesignates that portion of Southwest 37th Avenue (Douglas Road) between Grand Avenue and U.S. Route 1 as “James C. Colzie, Sr. Street.”

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to 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 Police Department, and the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of April, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke