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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: September 6, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of Tamiami Canal Road
at its intersection with Northwest
63rd Avenue as “Sor Hilda
Alonso” and urging the City of
Miami to join in this
codesignation

Resolution No. R-729-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.



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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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9-6-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-729-23

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF
TAMIAMI CANAL ROAD AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH
NORTHWEST 63RD AVENUE AS “SOR HILDA ALONSO”
AND URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI TO JOIN IN THIS
CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Sister Hilda Alonso (“Sr. Alonso”) dedicated her life to serving others as a member of the Daughters of Charity; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Alonso was born on February 10, 1921, in San Juan y Martínez, Pinar del Río Province, Cuba, to Ramon Alonso and Catalina Llevada; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, Sr. Alonso’s parents enrolled her in the Colegio La Inmaculada in Havana, Cuba from which she graduated in 1939; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, she received her Doctorate in Pedagogy from the University of Havana; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Sr. Alonso entered into the Seminary of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul in Havana, receiving the habit of the Daughters of Charity in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Alonso was confident in her vocation to give her life serving God by caring for the poor and educating Christian youth; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 1951, Sr. Alonso took her first vows; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Alonso worked as a teacher and then director of schools, including the Colegio La Inmaculada, until her work was disrupted by the rise of the Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 1961, Sr. Alonso left Cuba on a cargo ferry to West Palm Beach, Florida, with fourteen other Sisters; and

WHEREAS, her superiors charged her with staying in Miami awaiting the arrival of other Sisters leaving Cuba; and

WHEREAS, after two months of receiving fellow Sisters, Sr. Alonso moved to Puerto Rico where she continued to be a leader in education and the Catholic community; and

WHEREAS, during her time in Puerto Rico through 1968, Sr. Alonso worked to reunite elder Cuban members of the Daughters of Charity after exile; and

WHEREAS, around 1970, Sr. Alonso began negotiations within the Daughters of Charity to fund a mission in Miami where the Sisters could fulfill a need for the provision of religious services; and

WHEREAS, shortly after, Sr. Alonso and four other Sisters arrived in Miami, received by Father Brian O' Walsh and Father Agustín Román; and

WHEREAS, the Sisters worked visiting families, religious groups, children, and elderly while also conducting weekly visits to the Freedom Tower where Cuban immigrants arrived to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Alonso subsequently worked in the communities of Puerto Rico and Miami to gather supplies and provide aid for people struggling with poverty and natural disasters in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, during the crisis of the Mariel boatlift in 1980, Sr. Alonso and the Sisters provided support to care centers and gave guidance to arriving immigrants regarding various resources; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000s, Sr. Alonso was recognized by many, including the City of Miami, Cuban Cultural Heritage, Pope Benedict XVI through Archbishop of Miami Juan Clemente Favarola, Unión de Cubanos en el Exilio (UCE), the Comunidad de Vida Cristiana de Miami, and PAX Catholic Communication; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Miami celebrated Sr. Alonso in 1996, 2006, 2016, and 2021 for her 50, 60, 70, and 75 years of vocation in the Company of the Daughters of Charity; and

WHEREAS, in May 2022, the San Carlos Institute awarded Sr. Alonso the “Medalla Excelencia Nacional Cubana”; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Alonso passed away peacefully on July 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor Sr. Alonso by codesignating that portion of Tamiami Canal Road at its intersection with Northwest 63rd Avenue as “Sor Hilda Alonso”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Tamiami Canal Road at its intersection with Northwest 63rd Avenue is a County-maintained road located within the City of Miami and County Commission District 6,

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 Tamiami Canal Road at its intersection with Northwest 63rd Avenue as “Sor Hilda Alonso”.

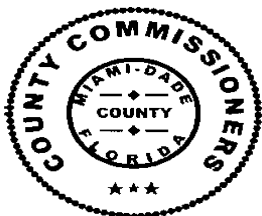
Section 2. Urges the City of Miami to join in this codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor and Commission of the City of 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 Resource Department, the City of Miami Police Department, the City of Miami Fire Rescue Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastein**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sen. Rene Garcia** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	absent		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent	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 6th day of September, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jose I. Ortega