

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: May 21, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of SW 25th Terrace
between SW 26th Street and SW
117th Court as "Ana Maria
Monte Flores Way"

Resolution No. R-434-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez.



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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-434-24

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF SW
25TH TERRACE BETWEEN SW 26TH STREET AND SW
117TH COURT AS “ANA MARIA MONTE FLORES WAY”

WHEREAS, Ana Maria Monte Flores was born in Havana, Cuba, on October 3, 1949; and

WHEREAS, the communist revolution in Cuba caused Mrs. Monte Flores, at just 10 years old, to emigrate from Cuba to the United States with her parents and sister; and

WHEREAS, while living in the Shenandoah neighborhood, Mrs. Monte Flores attended Sts. Peter and Paul, where she helped the nuns to organize the school’s first library; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Coral Gables Senior High, Mrs. Monte Flores attended Miami Dade College and Florida International University, earning a bachelor’s degree in social work as part of FIU’s first graduating class; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mrs. Monte Flores embarked on a lifelong journey of service to her community and to others; and

WHEREAS, among other things, Mrs. Monte Flores offered solace at La Liga Contra el Cáncer to those suffering the physical and emotional pains of all forms of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores strived to improve her community, including the lives of minors, senior citizens, and homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores inaugurated the South Dade YMCA and became its first Executive Director, providing hundreds of youths with free after-school and summer programs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores opened the very first senior center in Miami-Dade County at Little Havana Activities Center and also opened the first senior center in the in the City of Sweetwater, serving healthy meals to hundreds of seniors daily; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores opened the local offices of Volunteers of America, which still operates four housing establishments for low-income seniors and two permanent housing buildings for formerly homeless families throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, as a spokesperson for over 15 years for the South Florida Water Management District and the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, Mrs. Monte Flores combined her passion for environmental causes with her gift of public speaking to engage with the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores taught school children the value of conserving water and protecting the everglades, while helping those causes by creating the showerhead exchange program, which continues to save Miami-Dade County millions of gallons of water annually; and

WHEREAS, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist for the Miami Herald described Mrs. Monte Flores as “a funny, charming, warm and caring woman who, if she saw you drop a gum wrapper, would rip out your trachea”; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director of Keep Dade Beautiful, Mrs. Monte Flores established Miami-Dade County’s first Adopt-A-Road program and its phonebook recycling program, and helped write Florida’s first anti-litter law; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores was selected to study and earn a certificate from the Kennedy School at Harvard, and went on to participate in the National Hispana Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores passed away on January 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monte Flores is survived by her three children, Anitere, Juan Ignacio, and Mariola, and her sister, Maria Elena; and

WHEREAS, that portion of SW 25th Terrace between SW 26th Street and SW 117th Court is a County-maintained road located within unincorporated Miami-Dade County and County Commission District 10; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor Mrs. Monte Flores and her many contributions to the community by codesignating that portion of SW 25th Terrace between SW 26th Street and SW 117th Court as “Ana Maria Monte Flores Way”,

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

Section 1. Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of SW 25th Terrace between SW 26th Street and SW 117th Court as “Ana Maria Monte Flores Way.”

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies 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 Miami-Dade County Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of May, 2024. 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.

Luis M. Reyes
Michael J. Mastrucci