

Dear friends, it's a pleasure to join you this evening for the 74th annual membership meeting of History Miami, to honor all the work that the museum does for our community, and to honor the work done by Dr. Mark Rosenberg on behalf of the museum.

Miami is a relatively young city, but we have a great history, and it is a history that deserves to be kept and told by all of us who call Miami home.

It was not too far from here that Spanish settlers first came in contact with the Tequesta people and established the first European settlement here.

And it was not far from here where names like Tuttle and Flagler joined others to start the foundations of what Miami is today.

In fact, when we look outside, the Dade County Courthouse blends into our modern skyline, old and new coming together to tell the story of Miami.

History Miami – this is the place where these and so many other stories are told!

It was in the 1940s when such famous Miamians such as George Merrick, Charlton Tebeau, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas, joined others in starting the roots of what we call History Miami today. We honor their legacy, and the work of so many that built upon that, so that we may enjoy the history of the place we call home.

History Miami is in its new home, and adding new collections and stories. And part of the vision to make this a reality came from Dr. Mark Rosenberg, who we are honoring tonight.

Dr. Rosenberg has been a long time resident of Miami, and a long time active participant in our city's cultural life, having served History Miami for nearly 15 years.

As we reach the 75th year anniversary of this institution, which in Miami terms is a really long time...

Dr. Rosenberg has left History Miami on solid ground, honoring the past, while ready for an exciting future.

And now, let me present Dr. Rosenberg with this proclamation.

[present proclamation]

Let's give him and all of History Miami a big round of applause!

Thank you.