

GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU ALBERTO FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION!

IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN AIRLINES HUB IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY FELLOW ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE JOINING US FOR THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION:

-MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN BOVO,

-COMMISSIONERS BRUNO BARREIRO, XAVIER SUAREZ AND JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY TRADE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE,

-CITY OF MIAMI MAYOR TOMAS REGALADO, AND CITY OF CORAL GABLES MAYOR, JIM CASON.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT AMERICAN AIRLINES AND THEIR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES HAVE HELPED TRANSFORM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTO THE UNDISPUTED GATEWAY TO THE AMERICAS.

AMERICAN HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN STRENGTHENING OUR POSITION AS A GLOBAL LEADER IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCE.

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE AMERICAN AIRLINES BE PART OF THE EVER GROWING FAMILY OF AIRLINES AT MIA.

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S BIGGEST ECONOMIC ENGINE AND AMERICAN AIRLINES IS MIA'S LARGEST CARRIER REPRESENTING 70 PERCENT OF ALL TRAFFIC AT MIA WITH MORE THAN 340 DAILY FLIGHTS SERVING MORE THAN 120 DESTINATIONS.

JUST IN 2014 AMERICAN CARRIED NEARLY 26.4 MILLION PASSENGERS THROUGH MIA.

IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS, AMERICAN EMPLOYS 11,000 OF OUR RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS AT MIA - MAKING IT ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS.

IN OTHER WORDS AS BILL TALBERT, THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU WOULD SAY:

-AMERICAN AIRLINES IS "SO MIAMI."

THE COMPANY HAS BEEN A TRUE COMMUNITY LEADER - FROM SUPPORTING BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BEACON COUNCIL, THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, TO CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE ARSHT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS IS ALSO WELL KNOWN NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. EVERY TIME OUR MIAMI HEAT TAKE THE FLOOR TO DEFEND THE HOMECOURT, THEY DO SO AT THE AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA.

SUPPORTING THE LESS FORTUNATE IS SOMETHING AMERICAN HAS ALSO NOT SHIED AWAY FROM - ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE UNITED WAY, CAMILLUS HOUSE AND PROGRAMS LIKE THE SILVER KNIGHTS, ALL CAN ATTEST TO AMERICAN'S ONGOING SUPPORT.

IN SHORT, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS THE WORLD CLASS COMMUNITY THAT IT IS BECAUSE OF

COMPANIES LIKE AMERICAN AIRLINES. AMERICAN IS PART OF OUR FAMILY AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.

I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK MR. DOUG PARKER AND THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN AIRLINES GROUP. WE HOPE YOU WILL COME BACK TO CELEBRATE MANY FUTURE MILESTONES WITH US.

ON BEHALF OF OUR 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR CHOOSING MIA AS YOUR HUB.

I WISH AMERICAN MUCH SUCCESS AND MANY SAFE TRAVELS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!