

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(D)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

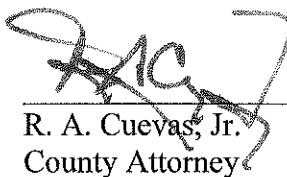
**DATE:** April 8, 2014

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution naming baseball facility at Hammocks Community Park, located at 9885 Hammocks Boulevard, as the "Al Engle Baseball Complex"; directing the County Mayor to coordinate with the district 11 Commissioner to install appropriate signage indicating such designation using district 11 quality neighborhoods improvement program (QNIP) funds

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

  
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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
- ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) 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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4-8-14

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NAMING BASEBALL FACILITY AT HAMMOCKS COMMUNITY PARK, LOCATED AT 9885 HAMMOCKS BOULEVARD, AS THE "AL ENGLE BASEBALL COMPLEX"; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE DISTRICT 11 COMMISSIONER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE INDICATING SUCH DESIGNATION USING DISTRICT 11 QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (QNIP) FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, Albert ("Al") Engle was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 23, 1936;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Al loved the game of baseball from the time he was a small boy, playing stick ball in the streets, going to watch the Brooklyn Dodgers play at Ebbets Field in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, and playing baseball all through his high school years; and

**WHEREAS**, after his time in the Navy, Al worked in Washington, D.C. before being transferred to Miami in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, Al raised his kids to love baseball and coached his sons at Flagami, Tamiami and Hammocks parks; and

**WHEREAS**, although Al worked long hours as the Chief Executive Officer of a local company, he always found time to be involved at Hammocks Community Park; and

**WHEREAS**, after working closely with Al Rose in 1992, Al Engle became President of the Kendall Hammocks Optimist baseball program in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, after his term ended, Al Engle took over as the President of Baseball Operations and remained in that capacity until December 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, January 2014 marks the 27th anniversary of Kendall Hammocks Optimist bringing baseball to the youth community at Hammocks Community Park and Devonaire Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Al Engle's true love was making children smile and watching them grow as they learned and enjoyed the game of baseball at Hammocks Community Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Al felt that all children who wanted to play baseball should be able to regardless of their financial circumstances, and each season he would pay the registration fees for several children out of his own pocket; and

**WHEREAS**, even in retirement, Al worked tirelessly in service of the youth community at Hammocks Community Park, and his final thoughts before passing away were of things that still needed to be done at the park; and

**WHEREAS**, by naming the baseball facility at Hammocks Community Park as the "Al Engle Baseball Complex," this Board desires to make a lasting recognition of Al Engle's legacy as a selfless servant to the Miami-Dade County community and mentor and friend to the thousands of baseball players that have played at Hammocks Community Park,

**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, desires to honor Al Engle's legacy by naming the baseball facility at Hammocks Community Park, located at 9885 Hammocks Boulevard, as the "Al Engle Baseball Complex."

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to coordinate and work with the Commissioner of District 11 to install an appropriate marker to indicate this designation using District 11 Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program (QNIP) funds.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Al Engle's next of kin.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Jean Monestime  
Sen. Javier D. Souto  
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Dennis C. Moss  
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci