

RESOLUTION No. 2009-31-976

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S REQUEST THAT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RENAME THE "OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT" TO THE "OPA-LOCKA-BARACK OBAMA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT"; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka has sent a request to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners that the County rename the "Opa-Locka Executive Airport" to the "Opa-Locka-Barack Obama Executive Airport," and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens would like to support the City of Opa-Locka's request, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens agrees with the City of Opa-Locka, that renaming the "Opa-Locka Executive Airport" to the "Opa-Locka-Barack Obama Executive Airport" would promote goodwill throughout Miami-Dade County and would demonstrate a spirit of unity within the County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

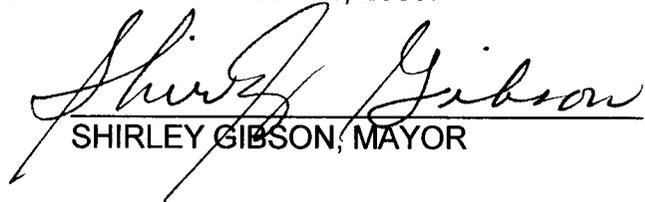
Section 2. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby expresses its support to the City of Opa-Locka and urges that

the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners rename the "Opa-Locka Executive Airport" to the "Opa-Locka-Barack Obama Executive Airport."

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and to the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Opa-Locka.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson  
SECONDED BY: Councilman Gilbert

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

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## February 11, 2008 City Council Meeting Add -On

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Miami Gardens, Florida 33169

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<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	<i>February 11, 2009</i>		<b>Item Type:</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>	
				X			
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	
		X		<b>Public Hearing:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>			<b>Advertising Requirement:</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>
						X	
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>	N/A			
		X					
<b>Sponsor Name</b>	Shirley Gibson, Mayor		<b>Department:</b>	Mayor/Council			

### Short Title:

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### Staff Summary:

The City of Opa-Locka seeks support from their sister city in their quest to re-name the airport "Opa-Locka-Barak Obama Executive Airport. This proposed name change will have to be heard before the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commission for final approval.

Opened in 1927, the Opa-Locka Executive Airport has grown to become the busiest airport in the County, home to the largest sea/air rescue station. The proposed name change has no bearing or matter of consequence to the City of Miami Gardens.

### Recommendation:

In support of the City of Opa-Locka, please sponsor this Resolution in its passage.

### Attachment:

Sponsored by Commissioner T Holmes:

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-7405**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RENAME THE "OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT" THE "OPA-LOCKA-BARACK OBAMA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT" AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO EACH MUNICIPALITY WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the historic significance of President-Elect Barack Obama being elected the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, the City Commission of the City of Opa-Locka ("City") urges that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to rename the "Opa-Locka Executive Airport" the "Opa-Locka-Barack Obama Executive Airport"; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has the unique opportunity to be the first in the County to own a facility holding the name of the 44<sup>th</sup> President, Barack Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, due to Miami-Dade County competing with so many other states and county governments for funding of highway projects and other needed infrastructure, the renaming of the executive airport could have intangible benefits for the county; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1918, Glenn and Lena Curtiss bought the land where Opa-Locka Airport is now located and eight years later founded the City of Opa-Locka; and

**WHEREAS**, Glenn Curtiss desired that the land purchased by he and his wife have national prominence and significance and before his untimely death in 1930, transferred his Florida Aviation Camp property to the United States Navy and lobbied to have one of the

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nation's first Naval Aviation Reserve Bases established on the site where the Opa-Locka Executive Airport is now situated; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 1961, the property now known as the Opa-Locka Executive Airport was deeded by the United States of America to the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County as surplus property; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of unity that President-Elect Barack Obama has shown in bringing people from all walks of life together, it would be a tremendous tribute to his early accomplishments and promote good will throughout the entire Miami-Dade County if the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners renamed the "Opa-Locka Executive Airport" the "Opa-Locka-Barack Obama Executive Airport"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Opa-Locka City Clerk is hereby directed to forward this resolution to each municipality within Miami-Dade County requesting the adoption of a similar resolution and encouraging support for the renaming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The recitals to the preamble herein are incorporated by reference.

**Section 2.** The City Commission of the City of Opa-locka urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to rename the "Opa-Locka Executive Airport" the "Opa-Locka-Barack Obama Executive Airport."

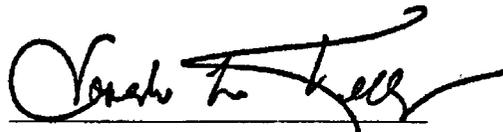
**Section 3.** The Opa-Locka City Clerk is hereby directed to take all necessary action to transmit a copy of this resolution to each municipality within Miami-Dade County requesting the

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adoption of a similar resolution and encouraging support.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14 day of JANUARY, 2009.

  
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**JOSEPH L. KELLEY**  
**MAYOR**

Attest:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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Deborah S. Irby  
City Clerk

  
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Burnadette Norris-Weeks  
City Attorney

Moved by:	<u>HOLMES</u>
Seconded by:	<u>JOHNSON</u>
Commission Vote:	<u>4-0</u>
Commissioner Tydus:	<u>NOT PRESENT</u>
Commissioner Holmes:	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Johnson:	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor Taylor:	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Kelley:	<u>YES</u>