

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-22

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE CO-DESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF EAST 5TH STREET, BETWEEN EAST 2ND AVENUE AND EAST 4TH AVENUE, IN HIALEAH, FLORIDA, PRESENTLY UNNAMED, AS “PASTOR MEL SANTIESTEBAN SR. WAY”, IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF PASTOR MEL SANTIESTEBAN SR. TO THE CITY OF HIALEAH AND ITS RESIDENTS, WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY.

WHEREAS, born and raised in Holguin, Cuba, Mel Santiesteban Sr. (July 16, 1939 – May 15, 2012) became a resident of the City of Hialeah in 1979;

WHEREAS, in 1979 he became the founder and pastor of the Hialeah Church of Nazarene, or *Iglesia del Nazareno El Buen Pastor*, where he served for thirty-three years;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr. assisted Cubans, who left their native country and found exile in the United States, residing in Hialeah by providing them with clothing, food and spiritual guidance;

WHEREAS, in 1996, Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr. began rescuing homeless and drug addicts from the streets of Hialeah and placed them at rented houses near Hialeah Church of Nazarene;

WHEREAS, in 1996, Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr. established a non-profit substance abuse program called the “Home of the Nazarene”, which as of today has rescued many men and women from drug addiction, who are now, thanks to Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr., rehabilitated and living a productive, drug free life;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr. established a non-profit community development corporation called “Hope for the Community” to help needy families in Hialeah by delivering boxes of food;

WHEREAS, Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr. always opened the doors of the Hialeah Church of Nazarene to the community during hurricanes and other natural disasters, offering food and shelter for everyone during times of need;

WHEREAS, Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr lead, together with his congregation and the community, several world relief efforts to collect clothing, food, and medications during international crisis;

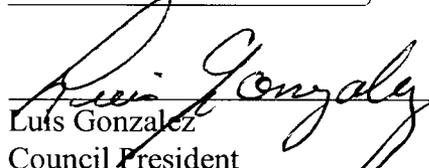
WHEREAS, the co-designation of that portion of East 5th Street, between East 2nd Avenue and East 4th Avenue, in Hialeah, Florida, presently unnamed, as "PASTOR MEL SANTIESTEBAN SR. WAY", presently unnamed, is in honor and memory of the outstanding service and dedication of Pastor Mel Santiesteban Sr. Way;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval of this Resolution on January 11, 2016.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

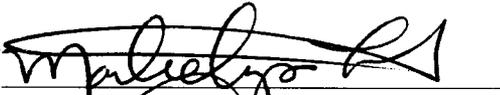
Section 1: The portion of East 5th Street, between East 2nd Avenue and East 4th Avenue, in Hialeah, Florida, presently unnamed, is hereby co-designated as "PASTOR MEL SANTIESTEBAN SR. WAY", and shall be known as such from this day forward, with the costs of signage to be paid by the City.

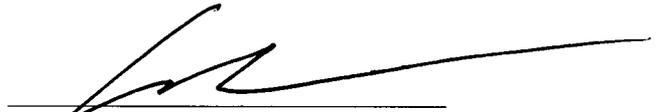
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of February, 2016.


Luis Gonzalez
Council President

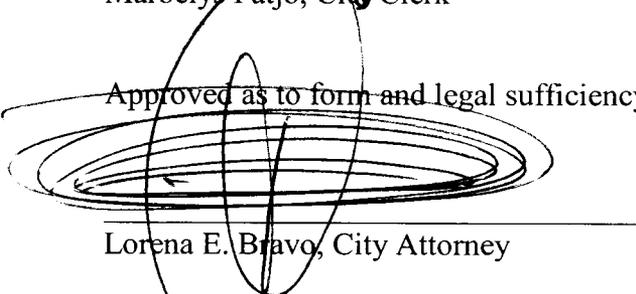
Attest:

Approved on this 7 day of MARCH, 2016.


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a (7-0) unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Hernandez, Gonzalez, Lozano and Casáls-Muñoz voting "Yes".