

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-003

RESOLUTION OF THE HIALEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD RECOMMENDING THE STREET NAMING AT WEST 18 LANE DRIVE FROM WEST 18 LANE TO WEST 84 STREET AS “DR. JORGE AND CARLOS VALLEJO WAY”, WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY, IN HONOR OF DR. JORGE VALLEJO AND DR. CARLOS VALLEJO AS LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH, AND A ROLE MODELS.

WHEREAS, the street naming at West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 Lane to West 84 Street, Hialeah, Florida as “Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way” is in Honor of Dr. Jorge Vallejo and Dr. Carlos Vallejo”, who have been leaders and role models in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge A. Vallejo was born on June 12, 1931 in Guantanamo, Cuba born into a family of Spanish immigrants from Asturias and Andalucia; and

WHEREAS, he went on to study medicine in Havana and had to finish school in Spain due to the Batista regime; and

WHEREAS, he moved back to Havana where he married Gisela Hidalgo and had two sons, Jorge Jr. and Carlos; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, he and his family escaped communist Cuba for Miami, where his youngest son Freddy was born in 1968; and

WHEREAS, he lived and practiced medicine in the City of Hialeah as an OBGYN for over 45 years, where he delivered what was once the most premature baby in the United States; and

WHEREAS, he treated many athletes, politicians and celebrities, such as Celia Cruz; and

WHEREAS, he was revered and respected by his colleagues and patients; and

WHEREAS, he passed from Covid-19 at the age of 89, on June 27, 2020.

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlos Vallejo was born on March 23, 1963 in Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, he came to the United States as a baby, growing up in Hialeah where he attended Immaculate Conception School and Monsignor Edward Pace High School; and

WHEREAS, he was a great athlete, being given college scholarships for both basketball and football, but he turned them down to pursue his career in medicine where he attended medical school in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, in medical school he met his wife, Lissette Selem and were married in 1987; and
WHEREAS, three children were born out of their marriage: Gisselle, Charlie, Jr. and Kevin;
and

WHEREAS, he practiced internal medicine for over 25 years in the Hialeah community; and

WHEREAS, he was part of the Board of Directors of Palmetto General Hospital;

WHEREAS, he was very active and enjoyed fishing, diving and skiing;

WHEREAS, he travelled to 6 continents and over 50 countries; and

WHEREAS, he contracted Covid-19 on the frontlines as a first responder and passed from the virus on August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, that portion of West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 lane to West 84 Street is a County-maintained road located in the City of Hialeah; and

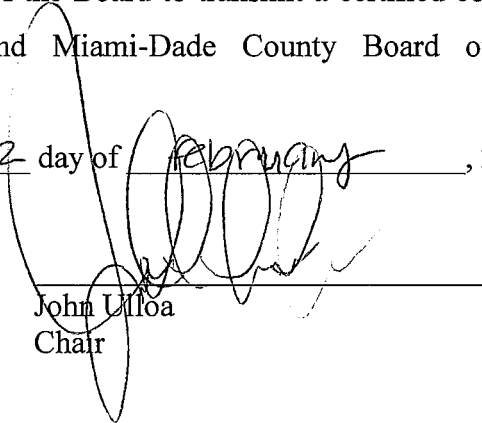
WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 13; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HIALEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD THAT:

Section 1. The Board urges the City of Hialeah to codesignate that portion of West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 Lane to West 84 Street as “Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way”

Section 2. The Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Miami-Dade and Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

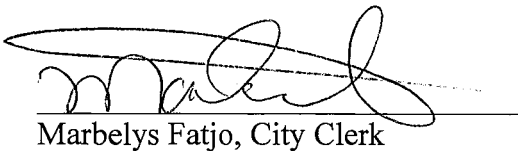
PASSED AND RATIFIED this 22 day of February, 2021.



John Ulloa
Chair

Attest:

Approved on this 22 day of February, 2021.


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk