

By Representatives Starks and Valdes

House Resolution

A resolution supporting the application of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties to jointly host the Pan American Games in the year 2007.

WHEREAS, the Pan American Games, held every four years for the 42 nations of the Pan American Sports Organization in the Western Hemisphere, have taken place on 12 occasions and have been hosted by nine different nations, the United States having served as host in Chicago in 1959 and in Indianapolis in 1987, and

WHEREAS, celebrating amateur sports at their best, this multisports event continues to gain in prominence and in the number of sports and participants, and hosting the games would be a great honor to the State of Florida and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties have submitted a bid to jointly host the Pan American Games in the year 2007, at which time the 16-day event is expected to draw between 1.2 and 2 million spectators, with a total economic impact projected to range from \$256 to \$358 million, in addition to a possible \$13 to \$18 million in government revenue and the creation of between 4,300 and 6,000 new jobs, and

WHEREAS, South Florida, emerging as a cultural, economic, and political focal point for the Western Hemisphere, already has the facilities and infrastructure to host the Pan American Games and is prepared to make any capital improvements that may be necessary, and

WHEREAS, in an impressive exhibit of efficiency, cooperation, and teamwork, the bid to attract the Pan American

1 Games to South Florida represents the first collaborative
2 effort of the three South Florida counties to host an
3 international event of this magnitude, NOW, THEREFORE,
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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
6 Florida:

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8 That the House of Representatives recognizes that the
9 benefits offered by Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach
10 Counties are unsurpassed anywhere else in the hemisphere and
11 enthusiastically supports the bid by these counties to attract
12 the Pan American Games to South Florida in 2007.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
14 be presented to the United States Olympic Committee and the
15 South Florida 2007 Pan American Games Bid Committee as
16 tangible proof of support for, and the earnest desire of, the
17 State of Florida to be a part of this celebration of amateur
18 athletics.
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