

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Miami-Dade County; providing  
3           for the relief of Jessica Ann Calderon, Sean  
4           Ryan Calderon, and Lily Ann Calderon;  
5           authorizing and directing Miami-Dade County to  
6           compensate them for the death of Roberto Luis  
7           Calderon which was caused by the negligence of  
8           a Miami-Dade County employee; providing an  
9           effective date.

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11           WHEREAS, on December 7, 1999, 27-year-old police  
12           officer Roberto Luis Calderon was driving a marked police  
13           vehicle south bound on the bus way adjacent to and parallel  
14           with south-bound U.S. 1, and

15           WHEREAS, while Officer Calderon was driving his vehicle  
16           through the intersection of SW Hibiscus Street in a lawful  
17           manner, a Miami-Dade Transit Authority Bus ran the red light  
18           at the intersection and collided with Officer Calderon's  
19           vehicle on the driver's side, and

20           WHEREAS, Officer Calderon was killed in the accident,  
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22           WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation by both the  
23           Miami-Dade County Police Homicide Investigation Unit and the  
24           Miami-Dade Transit Authority, both agencies concluded that the  
25           driver of the bus was negligent and caused the accident, and

26           WHEREAS, neither agency found that Officer Calderon was  
27           negligent in any way, and there is no other evidence of  
28           contributory fault on the part of Officer Calderon, and

29           WHEREAS, Officer Calderon was survived by his  
30           29-year-old wife, Jessica Ann Calderon, and their children,  
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1 4-year-old Sean Ryan Calderon and 2-year-old Lily Ann  
2 Calderon, and

3 WHEREAS, a law suit was filed for the wrongful death of  
4 Roberto Luis Calderon, and claims were asserted on behalf of  
5 his wife and two minor children, NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this  
10 act are found and declared to be true.

11 Section 2. Miami-Dade County is authorized and  
12 directed to appropriate from funds of the county not otherwise  
13 appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$2,100,000  
14 payable to Jessica Ann Calderon, as personal representative of  
15 the estate of Roberto Luis Calderon, which funds shall not be  
16 spent until allocated between Jessica Ann Calderon and her  
17 minor children, Sean Ryan Calderon, and Lily Ann Calderon  
18 pursuant to an order of the probate court In Re: Estate of  
19 Roberto Luis Calderon, 11th Circuit for Miami-Dade County,  
20 Case 00-1510CP(02).

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
22 law.

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