

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE INDUCTION OF EMILIO CABRERA INTO THE NORTH MIAMI CITIZEN'S HALL OF FAME; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Emilio Cabrera's life story is a remarkable testament to perseverance, opportunity, and the power of giving back; and

WHEREAS, born in Cuba, Cabrera immigrated to the United States as a teenager, carrying with him the values of hard work, integrity, and dedication to community; and

WHEREAS, his early years were shaped by the resilience required to start anew in a foreign country, and those experiences would guide the course of his personal and professional journey; and

WHEREAS, before entering the world of business, Cabrera served his community in uniform as a Miami Beach police officer; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 11 years, he worked in various capacities, including in the robbery unit, where he was assigned to investigate cases involving McDonald's restaurants; and

WHEREAS, it was during this period that his reputation for professionalism, fairness, and leadership caught the attention of members of the McDonald's corporate team; and

WHEREAS, recognizing his potential, McDonald's presented him with a unique opportunity ... one that would change the trajectory of his life; and

WHEREAS, despite having limited personal capital, Cabrera was awarded his first McDonald's franchise in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, he formally established E.C. Management Corporation, the family-owned company that would manage his growing operations; and

WHEREAS, his business success has created hundreds of local jobs, supported countless local suppliers, and brought accessible, family-friendly dining options to communities throughout South Florida; and

WHEREAS, from that single store, Cabrera expanded steadily over the decades, eventually becoming the owner of 18 McDonald's restaurants stretching from Hollywood to Sunny Isles Beach — including two locations in North Miami:

- 13000 Biscayne Boulevard, North Miami, FL 33181
- 11899 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, FL 33168

WHEREAS, Cabrera's success has always gone hand in hand with a deep commitment to giving back; and

WHEREAS, in North Miami, he is known for opening his doors to the police department, offering officers free meals as a gesture of appreciation for their service and has donated numerous lunches to the North Miami Police Athletic League, helping to support youth outreach programs that foster trust, mentorship, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Cabrera is also a proud sponsor of the 1804 Bike Ride, which promotes community unity, health, and cultural pride, and his restaurants have also hosted numerous "Coffee with a Cop" and "Cookie with a Rookie" events, creating a welcoming space where residents and law enforcement officers can connect and build trust; and

WHEREAS, he has contributed to local schools, youth programs, and charitable initiatives, demonstrating that business success and community service go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, Cabrera's leadership extends beyond the walls of his restaurants; AND

WHEREAS, as a mentor, he has guided employees toward career advancement, with many moving on to management and ownership roles themselves; and

WHEREAS, his focus on opportunity and empowerment reflects the same chance McDonald's once gave him—a chance he never takes for granted; and

WHEREAS, today, Emilio Cabrera stands as an example of the American Dream realized — a man who has served his community in law enforcement, built a thriving business from the ground up, and continually invests in the well-being of others. Supported by his loving wife Hilda

and their children, Anthony and Stefanie, Cabrera's story is not only one of personal success but also of shared community pride.

WHEREAS, for his unwavering dedication to South Florida, his exceptional contributions to economic growth, and his tireless work to strengthen bonds between residents and local institutions, the City of North Miami is proud to recognize Emilio Cabrera as a model citizen, leader, and friend to the community; and

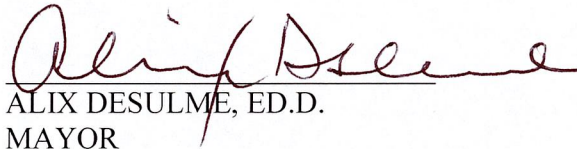
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that Emilio Cabrera substantially contributed to the well-being and advancement of the City of North Miami and should be honored with induction into the Citizens' Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Induction into the Hall Of Fame.** The Mayor and City Council hereby induct Emilio Cabrera into the Citizens' Hall of Fame.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of August, 2025.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR TIMOTHE

CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIME-IRVIN AND
COUNCILMAN CHARLES.

Moved by: Timothe

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)