



*M. Athalie Range Boulevard
Road Designation Ceremony*



10:00 Am

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

at

*St. Martha Catholic Church
9301 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami Shores, Florida 33138*



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Democratic Leader Pro Tempore
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Greetings!

It isn't everyday that we are presented with an occasion to honor and commemorate the well doing of another. Today, however, is an exception as relatives and friends of the late M. Athalie Range gather together to honor a woman whose moral compass pointed towards equal rights and quality education for all Floridians. Thank you for taking time to remember Miami's freedom fighter M. Athalie Range.

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson
State Senator District 33

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Presiding	Role Model G. Eric Knowles, Senior Director Operations & Community Relations
Opening Prayer	Father John Cox, O.M.I. Pastor, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Welcome & Occasion	Senator Frederica S. Wilson
Remarks by Family & Friends	N. Patrick Range II Virginia Key Trust Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Solo Pianist	Elder Barbara Lamb, New Birth Baptist Church Role Model Kevin Rutledge, Benjamin Franklin Elem.
Remarks and Presentations	Former Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek 5000 Role Model Federal Judge Donald Graham Audrey Edmonson, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Marc Sarnoff, City of Miami Commissioner Jason Walker, El Portal Village Manager Debra Simmons, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Selection	Booker T. Washington Alma Mater Booker T. Washington Marching Band Kermit Virgil, Band Director
Closing Remarks	Senator Frederica S. Wilson

**Procession to official unveiling of Athalie Range Boulevard
9301 Biscayne Boulevard  Miami, Florida 33138**

Refreshments	Contemporary Music Written & Composed by Rudy Reid, Miami Northwestern Class of 1957
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We extend special thanks to St. Martha's Catholic Church, Maria Jerkins, the Range Family, 5000 Role Models of Excellence Mentors and Students, Role Model Baljean Smith, Role Model Site Director Kenneth Washington, Virginia Key Trust and Principal Rhonda Y. Williams for their assistance with this event.

A Florida Senator's Proclamation

By Senator Frederica S. Wilson
A resolution recognizing the life and accomplishments of
Mary Athalie Range

WHEREAS, Mary Athalie Range was born on November 7, 1915 in Key West, Florida, the daughter of Bahamian immigrants who moved to Miami in 1921, where she resided for most of her life; and

WHEREAS, Athalie Range graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and married Oscar Range in 1937; in 1960, she enrolled in the England Institute of Anatomy and Embalming in Boston to take over the family business and became a licensed funeral director; and

WHEREAS, Athalie Range launched an historical political career that took her to City Hall as Miami's first Black City Commissioner; to the state capitol of Tallahassee where she was appointed Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs by Governor Reubin Askew, making her the first Black and the first woman to serve in a high-ranking state government post; and later she traveled to the nation's capitol of Washington, D.C. where then President Jimmy Carter appointed Ms. Range to serve on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Athalie Range distinguished herself as the matriarch of Miami's Black community and earned the respect and adoration of peers and colleagues while achieving personal and public acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Athalie Range was a woman of giant ambitions, whose objectives were never about her and hers, but about what is fair and just for people of all stripes and creeds:

NOW THEREFORE I, State Senator Frederica S. Wilson, Democratic Whip, representing the constituents of Senate District 33, recognize and remember M. Athalie "Mama" Range, whose life spanned nearly the entire history of Miami. She used every bit of her 91 years of longevity to go where only courageous souls dare venture and to achieve what even the most prophetic among us can only dream.



Senator Frederica S. Wilson
Democratic Whip, District 33

By Senator Wilson

Miami-Dade Legislative Item
File Number: 070507

33-425A-07

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to highway designations;
 3 designating a portion of Biscayne Boulevard in
 4 Miami-Dade County as the "Athalie Range
 5 Boulevard"; directing the Department of
 6 Transportation to erect suitable markers;
 7 providing an effective date.
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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Athalie Range Boulevard designated;
 12 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

13 (1) The portion of Biscayne Boulevard between N.W.
 14 54th Street and N.W. 95th Street in Miami-Dade County is
 15 designated as the "Athalie Range Boulevard."

16 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
 17 erect suitable markers designating the Athalie Range Boulevard
 18 as described in subsection (1).

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

SENATE SUMMARY

Designates a portion of Biscayne Boulevard in Miami-Dade County as the Athalie Range Boulevard. Provides for the erection of markers.

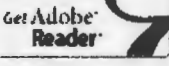
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Miami-Dade Legislative Item File Number: 070507

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File Number: 070507 **File Type:** Resolution **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** R-350-07 **Control:** County Commission
File Name: URGE STATE CODES PRTN BISCAYNE BLVD. M. **Introduced:**
ATHALIE RANGE BLVD. 2/20/2007
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 3/20/2007
Agenda Date: 3/20/2007 **Agenda Item Number:** 11A5

Notes: Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE
BISCAYNE BOULEVARD FROM N.E. 54TH STREET TO N.E. 95TH STREET
AS "M. ATHALIE RANGE BOULEVARD"

Indexes: LEGISLATURE **Sponsors:** Audrey M. Edmonson
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WHEREAS, in the latter half of the 1950s, she fought to desegregate all-white schools in Miami, and on the first day of school in 1959, she walked her youngest son Gary to previously all-white Orchard Villa Elementary School to attend school there; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, M. Athalie Range became the first black City of Miami Commissioner, having first been appointed to the post, then later easily winning reelection by garnering the support of black and white Miamians alike; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Range became both the first black cabinet director and the first woman cabinet director in Florida history, when Governor Reuben Askew appointed her director of the Florida Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, as the 1970s ended, M. Athalie Range had gone from cleaning rail cars nearly four decades earlier to serving on the board of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, the entity that operates Amtrak, having been appointed to the post by President Jimmy Carter; and

WHEREAS, in the decades since, Range started a cultural arts foundation that bears her name, headed the Virginia Key Beach Trust, and mentored many of Miami-Dade County's political leaders, including former U.S. Representative Carrie Meek and former Board of County Commissioners Chair Barbara Carey-Shuler; and

WHEREAS, M. Athalie Range remained active in politics up to her death this past fall;
• and

WHEREAS, Senator Frederica Wilson has filed SB 2296, which would designate Biscayne Boulevard between N.E. 54th Street and N.E. 95th Street as "M. Athalie Range Boulevard" and this Board finds this designation to be a fitting tribute to such a significant figure in Miami-Dade County's history,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to designate Biscayne Boulevard from N.E. 54th Street to N.E. 95th Street as "M. Athalie Range Boulevard."

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass SB 2296 sponsored by Senator Frederica Wilson or similar legislation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in sections 1 and 2 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrian D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of March, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **KAY SULLIVAN**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Angela Lane
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DATE: October 8, 2008

MIAMI – State Senator Frederica S. Wilson (D-33) and the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Foundation will honor the achievements of the late Athalie Range in a road designation ceremony 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at St. Martha Catholic Church, 9301 Biscayne Boulevard in Miami Shores, Florida.

“Ms. Range’s life is deeply ingrained in South Florida. Dedicating a road in honor of her commitment to our community serves to preserve her memory,” said Senator Wilson.

Athalie Range was a pioneer in South Florida politics. Her demands at a 1950’s school board meeting led to improvements in black schools and the construction of a new Liberty City elementary school. It was the first such school built in Miami’s predominantly black neighborhoods. Mrs. Range fought for desegregation and in 1959 she walked her youngest son Gary to the previously all-white Orchard Villa Elementary School where he was enrolled as a student.

In 1966, Mrs. Range became the first black City of Miami Commissioner, and was subsequently re-elected in 1967 and 1969. In 1971, Governor Rubin Askew picked Range to serve as the second Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs to help afford equal opportunity through vocational, technical and adult educational programs and to promote private enterprise’s involvement in solving urban problems.

President Jimmy Carter appointed her to fill a vacancy on the Miami City Commission in 1989 and in 1999 Mrs. Range founded and chaired the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust to preserve the only public beach in Dade County open to African-Americans during segregation.

“Family and friends are excited about this opportunity to commemorate Mrs. Range, a local pioneer whose legacy of justice and equality continues to shine as a beacon of hope,” Senator Wilson said.

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Galaxy of Department of Community Affairs

Athalie Range: the pioneer.(LEGENDS of South Florida)

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Gallery of Department of Education Secretaries

M. Athalie Range

Secretary, 1971 - 1973



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The word "pioneer" is sometimes used too casually, but it truly applies to M. Athalie Range. Already the first African-American to serve on the Miami City Commission, Ms. Range made statewide history in 1971 when Governor Reubin Askew appointed her as Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs - the first African-American since Reconstruction, and the first woman ever, to head a state agency in Florida.

Ms. Range was already a successful businesswoman and education activist when she was named to the Miami City Commission in 1966. She was re-elected in 1967 and again in 1969, using her position to win passage of an ordinance ensuring that garbage service was provided equally in white and black neighborhoods. She was instrumental in the appointment of the city's first African-American motorcycle patrolman, an officer who later became police chief and then mayor of nearby Opa-locka.

In 1971, newly elected Governor Askew picked Ms. Range to serve as the second Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs. The Department had been created only two years earlier, in part to help afford equal opportunity through vocational, technical and adult educational programs and to promote private enterprise's involvement in solving urban problems. During Ms. Range's tenure as Secretary, Florida adjusted to the social turmoil of the 1960s as its population grew more than 10 percent, to almost 8 million residents. Secretary Range set a positive tone as Florida began to establish itself as a part of the modern South.

Ms. Range remained active in public affairs following her service as DCA Secretary. President Jimmy Carter appointed her to a two-year term on the Amtrak governing board, and in 1989 she was again appointed to fill a vacancy on the Miami City Commission. She also chaired the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, which was founded in 1999 to preserve the only public beach in Dade County open to African-Americans during segregation. Ms. Range was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame in 1997. She died on November 14, 2006, at the age of 91.

EYE ON MIAMI



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006

M. Athalie Range – The Memorial Service

I didn't know the "M" stood for Mary.

Ministers were in abundance - ten or twelve - with Bishop Victor Curry of New Birth Baptist Church presiding. Curry mentioned that he was the new head of the Miami NAACP. County Mayor Alvarez and City of Miami Mayor Diaz spoke. Alvarez said Athalie told him: "I'm keeping an eye on you."

Patrick Range, Athalie's grandson (who works with longtime lobbyist/lawyer Lucia at Greenberg Traurig) spoke eloquently as the representative for the family. Gene Tinnie did a wonderful powerpoint of photos from Athalie's life. Former Commission Chair Barabra Carey-Schuler spoke briefly, she now owns two funeral homes in Palm Beach. Carey-Schuler said once when she was on the dais giving someone hell, an aide brought her a phone. It was Athalie. Athalie told her to stop talking. Carey-Schuler said she did.

Near the end of the memorial service I heard this rumble come down the aisle and it was none other than the boxy, vile Natacha Seijas walking with a thud-a-thud accompanied by her dutiful Chief of Staff Terry. She walked to the front row. Terry retreated a few rows back. County Commissioners Gimenez and Edmonson were there. Didn't see Jordan or her brother: Mayor for Life Otis T. Wallace.

Two wonderful singers deserve a mention: Velda Virgil and Ashley Howard Wilkinson. It was sad, but most there saw it as a joyful celebration of a life well lived. Goodbye Athalie, we will all meet up with you sooner or later.

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Athalie Range: the pioneer

Jaclyn Alcantara

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In 1953, Range and her husband Oscar started Range Funeral Homes, in Liberty City. As a young man, Oscar Range had worked in a funeral home in Valdosta, Ga. "It was his initial desire," says Range, "and naturally, I was interested in it because of him."

Range Funeral Homes was in business for seven years when Oscar Range died of a heart attack. Athalie, a mother of four children, was suddenly a widow, and now charged with responsibility for the funeral home.

Out of necessity, Athalie Range quickly enrolled in the New England Institute of Anatomy and Embalming to obtain her funeral home director's license so she could continue the family business in her husband's stead.

Range, despite her advanced age, still aptly runs the funeral home today. And she is proud of the business she and her husband founded. Range Funeral Homes is one of the longest running, most successful black-owned businesses in the region.

"We had a motto when we started the business, and it said, 'A living service for the living.' That means serving those persons who are bereaved in every way we possibly can, not taking advantage of their bereavement, and being aware of the fact that people are not at their best when death occurs," Range explains.

[ILLUSTRATION OMITTED]

Only a few years after her husband's death, Range made history in 1965 when she became the first black Miami city commissioner. She was only the second woman to hold a seat on the commission.

By that time, Range was well known locally for her work in the PTA. African-Americans across the nation were seeking a more substantive part in government. She, and others in the community saw their chance when a commissioner—a white woman—ceded her seat and decided not to run for re-election. Range ran a successful campaign that was strategic, because she felt that if she ran against a white incumbent at that time, she would not be elected. With the seat now vacant, "[we] would not be taking something away from somebody, [we would] only be trying to gain entrance," Range says.

The strategy worked, at least initially, Range won the election by 1,000 votes, but that was less than 51 percent of the popular vote, requiring a runoff election. Range ran against a white Miami businessman named Irwin Christie. While Range does not explicitly blame Christie for what occurred next, she says, "His campaign decided to play the race card, which took me out of contention."

Range says that prior to the run-off, Christie's campaign went through predominantly white communities with bullhorns blaring, "Unless you vote today, you'll have a black woman making your rules and regulations." Range lost the runoff by approximately 1,000 votes and Christie became a city commissioner.

A few months after that disappointing defeat, the mayor of Miami made a sudden overture to Range and others in the black community. He had decided to run for governor and realized that he needed the black vote in order to assure a win. To gain that support, the mayor appointed Range to replace a senior commissioner who had decided to retire. "Following that, I won my next election with a greater plurality of votes than even the mayor did," Range says.

As Miami city commissioner, Range says there were numerous inequalities for her to address. For instance, garbage in black communities would pile up for two or three weeks before the city would pick it up. Range pointed out to the city commission the inequity of white families receiving garbage pick-ups sometimes twice a week, while black families had piles accumulating in their yards. The law was changed to provide garbage pick up in all areas at the proper time.

"You could go on and on with things that might not seem of great importance, because if you happen to live in an area where these things are supplied, then you didn't think about somebody who didn't have them, you see. But to us, it meant a whole lot," Range says.

In 1970, Florida Governor Reubin Askew appointed Range Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs. She was the first black person to serve as head of a Florida state agency. She commuted to Tallahassee from Miami, and on weekends managed her funeral home—since she was its only licensed funeral director.

On those travels home, one year, she began witnessing first-hand how a terrible drought was affecting Miamians. Some people were even starving. Range brought this to Gov. Askew's attention and he pleaded for federal assistance to relieve the suffering. More than \$8 million in aid poured in to help those most sorely affected, including many migrant workers and their families.

Range also fought for the disenfranchised black voters of the small Florida burg of Quincy, who through her efforts were finally able to register to vote.

Range humbly downplays the personal risks she took during this time, but few would argue that being a black woman in politics during the 1960s and 1970s was perilous work. Range recalls one situation in which a law was passed to give Cubans fleeing communism on that island nation scholarships to the University of Miami.

When asked what she thought of the law, Range said, "Well, that's very fine. I think now black women who are of childbearing age should go to Cuba, give birth to their children, then send them over here for an education." Range laughs as she remembers and says, "That wasn't the smartest thing to say."

The remark was published in newspapers, and a radio commentator began talking about how unfair her statement was. Some people called in and threatened her, and the commentator gave out Range's home and business address on the air, and added that "something needed to be done about it."

Range and her son called city hall and told them what the radio commentator had done, and for the next three or four weeks, the Range properties as well as Range herself were guarded by city police officers.

"I never thought it was necessary. I never thought anybody had the nerve to come up and try to attack me. I wasn't afraid," says Range.

Range's courageous leadership over the years earned her a place in the Florida Women's Hall of Fame in 1997. Though 25 years older than most Americans are when they retire, Range continues to direct her funeral home and remains active in the community. She is currently the chairwoman of the Virginia Key Beach Project, aimed at revitalizing and restoring what used to be the only beach blacks were allowed to use during years of segregation in Miami-Dade County. Range does not want the history of the beach to be forgotten. A plan is in the works to build a museum there as well.

Preserving Miami's beauty is important to Range. "It's constantly being robbed of its natural beauty," she says. "Miami is just a place now that you're not going to see very much green space any more."

She laments the loss of public beaches, saying, "Every grain of sand is owned by some hotel. You more or less have to go through their lobbies to get to the beach.

"I think those kinds of things are not good for the future of Miami, if it's to be the paradise that it's touted to be all over the country, you know," says Range, "People come here for vacation and they see more of the same thing that they left at home—just tall buildings and nightclubs. And I don't see us making a whole lot of progress with that kind of outlook."

When it comes to the issue of class division in Miami, Range says that education is the key. Though she sees small amounts of progress, her outlook is not generally a positive one.

"I think [class division] is one of the things that we harp on very often, but I don't think anything's going to happen to change that," Range says. "You can legislate and change laws, but you just can't change the hearts of men. And I think the rich are always going to be richer and the poor are always going to be poorer. I don't see a whole lot of change coming."

Still, Range says it is important for blacks to encourage their children to seek a broader education. She believes that learning about other languages and cultures is important for youth seeking to better themselves.

"Education stands at the apex of everything," Range says.

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