CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING THAT A LETTER REGARDING GEORGE MERRICK BE SENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI.

WHEREAS, in 1924, George Merrick, the founder of the City of Coral Gables, gifted one hundred sixty acres of land in the City's Rivera Section along with an additional five million dollars to establish the University of Miami; and

WHEREAS, based upon Mr. Merrick's early support of the University of Miami, he has historically been referred to as the "Founder of the University" and "Father of the University"; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Merrick's indispensable support of the University of Miami, the City Commission wishes to encourage University administration to recognize Mr. Merrick as a founder of the University and once again celebrate his contributions to the institution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That a letter from the City Commission and City Manager encouraging the University of Miami to celebrate the name and legacy of George Merrick will be transmitted to the following University of Miami officials:

Joseph James Echevarria, President and Chief Executive Officer Manuel Kadre, Chair of the Board of Trustees Laurie Silvers, Chair of the Centennial Honorary Committee Frances Marine Davis, Secretary of the Board of Trustees and AVP Rudy Fernandez, EVP for University Operations Jacqueline Menendez, VP of Communications Raena Wright, VP of Government Affairs & Community Relations

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Castro)

(Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

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VINCE LAGO MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BILLY Y. URQUIA CITY CLERK ____DocuSigned by:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ CITY ATTORNEY

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: