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Mayor Rich,

Thank you for taking up this issue at the County Commission. As you know, Marta Friedman passed away last week after a more than 6 year battle with a vicious, painful and deadly disease. She proved during that battle for her life what a strong, courageous, tenacious, and enduring spirit she had. It would honor her memory and honor all of her friends and supporters to name the library that she fought for with similar determination and dedication.

As a Hollywood commissioner during the battle for the Stirling Road library, I cannot recall any person more resolved to bring the county's library to Stirling Road. It was very important to Hollywood County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger and to Hollywood, especially our Mayor Mara Giuliani and me because the library is in our backyard. There wasn't a meeting I attended that Marta wasn't there. And, if you know Marta, she wasn't a wallflower. She spoke her mind and fought hard for the beautiful and environmentally aesthetically appealing building that houses our community library.

One could argue that Commissioner Gunzburger and Mayor Giuliani were among the library's strongest advocates, but as elected officials, it might be their obligation. But for Marta, it was a labor of love. At every phase of the approval process, Marta's presence assured passage and made sure nothing in the bureaucracy would derail her dreams.

I would like to add my appreciation to you, Mayor, and the entire commission, for considering honoring our friend, Marta Friedman, by naming the Stirling Road Library after her, recognizing her contribution to the library and the greater South Broward community.

Thank you!

Keith Wasserstrom

Good evening Senator Rich,

Please know that I appreciate and support this extremely important initiative in renaming the Library after Marta Friedman, a woman of character, a true advocate and leader in ensuring that her time in this community and on this world was worthwhile and productive. Her work in ensuring the vision of this library became a reality was commendable and deserves recognition...

I applaud your actions in leading this effort of naming the library after this visionary and fierce woman, this trailblazer whose work will transcend from generations to come. It is without reluctance that I give my support and I implore all my elected colleagues and residents of Broward County to do the same, as this will be a small token of our appreciation for the legacy that she left as evidenced in the below writing.

Respectfully,
State Representative Marie Woodson, HD-105

Marta Friedman was a fighter for herself others, and the communities she believed in, Fortunately for all of us, her leadership and caring led to the creation of the library on Stirling Road.

I remember so vividly her vision and passion for a learning and gathering center to serve the families in the new part of Hollywood. With a twinkle in her eye and her big smile, no one could turn her down, and she was on a mission.

Marta was a role model for all of us of how one should live her life facing the most difficult challenges. She was courageous and resilient no matter what obstacles came her way and lived life fully with determination and selflessness. I always believed that we were put on earth to make it a better world, and Marta Friedman did just that.

It would be most appropriate to name the Stirling Road Library in her name as a testament to her achievements and to honor forever a woman who gave of herself to do so much for others.

Barbara Miller