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May 20, 1996CONTACT: April Herrle or
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(305) 237-3713**GOVERNOR CHILES HONORS CUBAN HEROES;
Announces Cuba Advisory Group and Signs Cuban Freedom Act**

MIAMI -- Governor Lawton Chiles today honored the efforts of "courageous Cuban patriots" in the effort to bring freedom and democracy to the Caribbean nation by announcing the formation of the Governor's Cuba Advisory Group and signing two pieces of legislation -- the Cuban Freedom Act and a measure naming a road to honor fallen Brothers to the Rescue pilots.

"We're sending a clear and direct message to Fidel Castro and his gang -- Florida is going to do its part to return democracy to Cuba," Governor Chiles said. "We will work to help lift the boot of oppression off the necks of the Cuban people. We want to be a good neighbor to a free, independent and democratic Cuba."

The Governor traveled to the heart of Little Havana and the home of Brigade 2506 -- La Casa de la Brigada -- to announce the formation of the Cuba Advisory Group and to sign the two legislative measures.

The advisory group will focus on Cuba issues by continuing the work of the Governor's Commission on a Free Cuba. The new advisory group also will serve as an information liaison with Florida's Cuban-American community -- sharing information on state and federal decisions made of interest to the community.

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During his visit to mark the 94th anniversary of Cuba's independence from Spain, Governor Chiles signed the Cuban Freedom Act (SB 2784) sponsored by Sen. Alberto Gutman, of Miami and Rep. Jorge Rodriguez-Chomat, of Miami. The measure compliments federal legislation that tightens the embargo against Cuba and creates state penalties for the purchase of property confiscated by the Castro regime.

The Governor also paid tribute to the fallen Brothers to the Rescue pilots by signing legislation (SB 26), sponsored by Sen. Roberto Casas, of Hialeah, and Rep. Luis Rojas, of Hialeah, that names a part of S.W. 8th Street in Miami -- between the Palmetto Expressway and 87th Avenue -- as the 24th of February Boulevard. This will serve as a reminder of the day, earlier this year, that Cuban fighter planes shot down two unarmed Brothers to the Rescue planes.

SB 26 and SB 2784 are both effective upon becoming law.

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(attached is a list of members of the Governor's Cuba Advisory Group)

GOVERNOR'S CUBA ADVISORY GROUP***Members***

Annie Betancourt, State Representative District 116; administrator, Miami-Dade Community College; and former member of the South Florida Water Management Board.

Moravia Capo, principal, Francisco Baldoz School; president of the Committee on Human Rights-Municipalities in Exile; Cuban Women Coalition; Cuban Lions in Exile.

Bruce Jay Colan, attorney, Holland and Knight; Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Cuba Committee.

Jorge L. de Cardenas, president of Creative Advertising; community activist; Little Havana Nutrition Center board member; Facts About Cuban Exiles (FACE) board member.

Maria Dominguez, executive director, St. Thomas Human Rights Institute; Dade County Manager's Immigration Task Force; GRASP refugee assistance.

Luisa Garcia-Toledo, co-owner GT Sports Enterprises, Inc.; President of National Association of Cuban American Women; Cuban Patriotic Council; Unidos; FACE; AFL-CIO Committee for a Free Cuba.

Teresa Galvada, records manager, City of Hialeah; Dade County Community Relations Board; Coalition of Hispanic American Women.

Wilfredo (Willy) Gort, commissioner, City of Miami; CEO AIBC Investment Services; Little Havana Development Authority; Kiwanis of Little Havana.

Aldo Lastra, president, Aldo Lastra and Associates, architects; former president of the Interamerican Businessmen Association; Association of Cuban Architects in Exile.

Carlos Perez, business man; President, Prostatehelp, Inc.; hailed as an "American hero" by President Reagan in 1984 State of the Union address; president of Citizens for Democracy.

Rudy Pittaluga, realtor; director of International Division, Keys Company; president of Interamerican Businessmen Association; Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; UNIDOS.

Manolo Reboso, public relations/consultant; former commissioner, City of Miami.

Maria (Lula) Rodriguez, director of the United States Information Agency International Visitors program; former aide to Senator Bob Graham.

Hermínio San Roman, attorney. Adorno, Zelder; Florida Transportation Commission; Dade County Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board.

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Simon Ferro, & Suzanna Valdez

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Message

We think it is very important that during the coming presidential visit some time be set aside for political outreach by the President.

Depending on the time available the following suggestions could be implemented, we are ranking them according to their exposure potential:

Priority 1. Interview with the "Cuban Press" to speak about his Cuban Policy . The President must be carefully briefed regarding the proposed move of Radio Marti to Miami, he should avoid a firm answer. Estimated time 30 minutes.

Priority 2. Visit to the Little Havana Community Center, the House of the former Political Prisoners or similar location. Walk through the facilities and short speech on Cuba Policy, Medicare, and Education. Estimated on site time 30 minutes

Priority 3. An impromptus stop to drink "Cuban coffee and pastelitos at a local "cafeteria or Cuban bakery" and shake a few hands or stop to purchase "hand rolled cigars at a "family own local hand rolling cigar factory" in little Havana and shake a few hands. Candid comment about how he has to hide to smoke his cigars in the White House. Invite the magazine "Cigar Aficionado". (Please note that this suggestion may conflict with the President anti-cigarette efforts. The President could distinguish the cigar industry from the cigarette industry in that they do not advertise to youth. Dressed with a "guayabera". Place to be determined. Estimated on site time 30 minutes.

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Non-Press events:

- 4. Grassroots meeting with Cuban American groups that have pledged support for the re-elect. Estimated time 30 minutes.**
- 5. Meeting with significant political, social and intellectual community leaders not attending the dinner. Estimated time 30 minutes.**

During these activities the President should be visibly surrounded by those members of his "core group" actively engaged in the re-elect to enhance the link.

MEMORANDUM TO: HAROLD ICKES AND ALEXIS HERMAN
FROM: SUZANNA VALDEZ
DATE: APRIL 30, 1996
SUBJECT: CUBAN AMERICAN FLOTILLA

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The May 1st Flotilla, organized by Ramon Saul Sanchez from the "Democracy Movement," is scheduled to coincide with Cuba's May Day (Labor Day) celebration.

The flotilla, which currently consists of nine boats and four planes, is scheduled to travel to the sight of the February 24 shutdown to commemorate the fallen pilates.

Organizers have stressed that they do not intend to cross into Cuban territory. However, Cuba is very tense, and coupled with their inability to mark their territorial limits, any confusion or miscalculation between either party may lead to a confrontation.

US Coast Guard is scheduled to have five ships and an airplane in the area to both assist the flotilla in marking the spot and to warn them should they proceed into Cuban territory. The weather is expected to be rough, which may inhibit the flotilla.

Community support for the flotilla is limited, but should an incident occur, support will grow considerably. We have asked the interagency task force to keep us informed, so that we can prepare an appropriate response to the community -- if needed.

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Statement by
GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES
Regarding U. S. Supreme Court Ruling on Immigration

"I'm disappointed that the U. S. Supreme Court declined to consider Florida's lawsuit which seeks to recoup costs that Florida taxpayers have had to bear resulting from illegal immigration in our state. Regardless of the Court's action, our lawsuit was successful in that it raised awareness of the extraordinary impact of illegal immigration on border states like Florida.

"Since we filed the lawsuit in early 1994, the Clinton Administration has led efforts to control illegal immigration and is now working aggressively with us on a plan to place additional federal resources in the state. We hope to be able to announce the details of this plan within the next several weeks.

"I will continue to fight for immigration justice for all Floridians to ensure that the federal government assumes its constitutional responsibility to enforce U.S. immigration laws so that Florida taxpayers don't get stuck with the bill."

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