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Wager set for Miami-Dade County vs. City of Dallas for NBA Finals

MIAMI (June 9, 2011) – Before the start of Game 5 of the NBA Finals between the Miami HEAT and Dallas Mavericks, officials from Miami-Dade County and the City of Dallas decided to make the outcome of the Finals a little more interesting with a friendly wager. After some discussion between the offices of Miami-Dade Chairman Joe A. Martinez and City of Dallas Mayor Dwaine R. Caraway, the bet has been set.

When the HEAT win the Finals, Mayor Caraway will be sending Chairman Martinez a care package of barbecue from the world-famous Eddie Dean's Restaurant, a Quatros Leche cake from La Duni Latin Bakery, and a silver Dallas belt buckle. The buckle is part of Mayor Caraway's "Pull 'Em Up Campaign," which encourages young men to present oneself in an appropriate fashion by avoiding saggy pants. The Mayor would also perform a community service project wearing a Miami HEAT jersey.

"Dallas is willing to put the best of what we have to offer on the line because we know Chairman Martinez will look great performing community service in his blue Dallas Mavericks jersey!" said Dallas Mayor Dwaine Caraway.

Likewise, Chairman Martinez has promised to complete a community service project in a Mavericks jersey should the outcome not be so favorable for the HEAT. In addition, he has agreed to send Mayor Caraway a special package with Miami staples – Joe's Stone Crab, hand-rolled cigars from Cuban Crafters, and Cuban pastries.

"I thank Mayor Caraway for his graciousness in accepting the bet, but I hope he likes wearing red and black," said Chairman Martinez.

The origin of the bet stems from Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who chairs the Miami-Dade Sports Commission. After attending the first game in Miami, he reached out to Chairman Martinez about placing the wager with Dallas. "The HEAT and Mavericks have really been battling it out during the Finals, but I'm confident the HEAT will prevail. I can already taste that barbecue," said Commissioner Diaz.

For more information, please contact Chairman Martinez's office at 305-375-5511.

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