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Happy birthday, Miami! You're only 121

The city of Miami turned 121 on July 28, 2017. Here is a view of downtown Miami's growing skyline. (Johnny Diaz / Sun Sentinel)

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Happy birthday, Miami! Feliz cumpleanos! You're 121.

The capital of the 305 has been trending on Twitter as fellow municipalities and some celebrities send good birthday wishes for the city that was incorporated on July 28, 1896.

One of the city's early pioneers was Julia Tuttle, who bought 644 acres of swampland and was key in developing the Magic City. She's been credited with influencing Henry Flagler to bring his railroad to Miami. (There's a big east-to-west causeway from Miami to Miami Beach named after her.)

The city has literally grown up with a skyline that's home to the tallest building in Florida (Panorama Tower), major sports teams and new museums such as the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science near Bayfront Park. And, of course, it's the birthplace of Mr. 305 himself, Pitbull.