RESOLUTION NO. 15-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, NAMING THE TRUMAN WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL FIELD AS THE "MATTHEW L. GILLERAN RECREATION FIELD"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Matthew Gilleran was an honor student at Key West High School and a participant in the American Youth Soccer Organization on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the Gilleran family was instrumental in the establishment of the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Gilleran spent countless volunteer hours watering the field and serving at the concession stand, often providing free snacks to children who might otherwise go hungry; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at the High School, Matthew Gilleran epitomized the values of citizenship, self-reliance, team building and service to the United States.

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to honor his memory by naming the Truman Waterfront Recreational Field after him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Truman Waterfront recreational field is hereby named the "Matthew L. Gilleran Recreational Field."

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Commissioner Teri Johnston Commissioner Clayton Lopez Commissioner Billy Wardlow Commissioner Jimmy Weekley

<u>Yes</u> Yes

Yes

Yes

Commissioner Tony Yaniz

MARK ROSSI, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK

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THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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TO:

Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM:

Rod Delostrinos, Director of Community Services

VIA:

Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager- Operations

DATE:

March 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Authorize naming the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street, "Matthew L. Gilleran Recreation Field."

ACTION STATEMENT: Authorize naming the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street, "Matthew L. Gilleran Recreation Field."

BACKGROUND:

Matthew L. Gilleran was an exceptional young citizen who devoted much of his life to service. His work encompassed a wide array of areas including school, community, and nation.

As an honor student at Key West High School, he set a positive example for other students. He participated in the American Youth Soccer Organization as a player, but his commitment extended past the field. He and his family were instrumental in the establishment of the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street. Committed to maintaining a viable field for all to enjoy, he volunteered countless hours watering the field. He also worked the concession stand at the field where he made giving food away to hungry kids a common practice. As a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at the high school, he epitomized values of citizenship, service to the United States, team building, and self-reliance.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION: Recognize the exceptionally meritorious service of Matthew L. Gilleran.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Approve naming the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street, "Matthew L. Gilleran Recreation Field."
- 2. Disapprove naming the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street, "Matthew L. Gilleran Recreation Field."

Key to the Caribbean - Average yearly temperature 77° F.

SWORANDS

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no financial considerations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Option 1, naming the recreation field located at Fort Street and Petronia Street, "Matthew L. Gilleran Recreation Field."