

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, NAMING THE
"JOHN MENENDEZ BATTING CAGES" AT THE
CLAYTON STERLING BASEBALL COMPLEX IN KEY
WEST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, John Menendez grew up in Key West. As a starter in both basketball and baseball at Key West High School, he earned the nickname "The Spanish Eagle;" and

WHEREAS, John Menendez served in the U.S. Navy during World War II (1942-1945) and raised his family in Key West. He passed away on July 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Coach Menendez sponsored baseball teams, and coached young players in Key West at Peter Dopp Field and other locations for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, in the batting cage behind his family's store, Menendez spent many hours teaching players the fundamentals of the game and instilling important lessons about life; and

WHEREAS, Coach Menendez consistently worked to improve his own coaching skills, seeking new ideas and strategies to share with his teams. He was especially adept at coaching catchers, with at least eight of his former catchers moving on to start at Key West High School; and

WHEREAS, generations of local baseball players recall Coach Menendez for the skills and practical advice they gained from his coaching (along with the bonus of tasty Cuban mix sandwiches from his family's store after a good practice); and

WHEREAS, John Menendez instilled a love of baseball in his family, as well as the Key West community, leaving behind a multi-generational legacy of coaching excellence, and a heritage of community service; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Commission want to acknowledge the dedication and passion that John Menendez brought to Key West youth baseball, and its positive impact that continues today; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission therefore finds it appropriate to honor the memory of John Menendez, by naming the batting cages at the Clayton Sterling Baseball Complex in his honor.

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

Section 1: That the batting cages at the Clayton Sterling Baseball Complex are hereby named the "John Menendez Batting Cages," and shall be marked with appropriate commemorative signage.

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.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2021.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK