

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE  
"KERMIT 'SHINE' FORBES BUILDING" LOCATED AT  
THE TRUMAN WATERFRONT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY;  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Kermit 'Shine' Forbes was born in 1916 in Key West, and gained international attention as a sparring partner and friend to the author Ernest Hemingway; and

WHEREAS, 'Shine' Forbes served in the U.S. Army, and when he returned to the Keys around 1936 he worked as a dishwasher, fisherman, oyster harvester, and for many years as a cook at Key West's Naval Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time Shine Forbes boxed, and worked with boxers, staying fit into his eighties in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, Shine lived in a modest home in Bahama Village, known as 'The Ponderosa.' His residence was a landmark for family, friends, and literary aficionados, who still speak of good times when Shine would invite them in to admire his collection of boxing and Hemingway memorabilia, play checkers and enjoy a cold beverage; and

WHEREAS, 'Shine' Forbes was a stalwart of the Hemingway Look-a-Like Festival, happy to share his experiences with the famous writer, and occasionally putting on gloves to box with "Papa" Hemingway Look-Alike contenders. The Society created a Kermit 'Shine' Forbes Memorial Scholarship in 2001, that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Kermit 'Shine' Forbes passed away at the age of 84, and the City Commission finds that it would be fitting to commemorate the goodwill and accomplishments of Kermit 'Shine' Forbes by naming the Public Works Facility at Truman Waterfront in his honor.

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

Section 1: In recognition of his many contributions to the City of Key West, the Truman Waterfront Public Works Facility is hereby designated as the "Kermit 'Shine' Forbes Building," to be marked with appropriate 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	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK