



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

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.

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."