

From The Committee To Name Cheryl Cates Bridge

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Committee To Have Cow Key Bridge Re-named as “Cheryl Cates Memorial Bridge”

Mission Statement: The committee will endeavor to, in a most respectful manner, have the existing “Cow Key Bridge” located in Monroe County Florida officially and permanently re-named the “Cheryl Cates Memorial” bridge.

Background: Cheryl Cates was a resident of Key West since 1955. Among numerous philanthropic activities Cheryl served on the board for Wesley House, Samuels House and Kids Come First. On September 11, 1971 she married the love of her life Craig Cates. An inseparable team the Cates have made countless positive impacts upon their community. On December 2, 2020 Cheryl Cates loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

***Proclamation *Suggestion(s)*:**

“As a fitting designation, the naming of the bridge acknowledges the profound and lasting positive impact that Cheryl Cates, in her much too short lifetime, has had on our community.” “A person repeatedly throughout her life was capable of elegantly ‘building bridges’ between people of varying backgrounds and following through on accomplishing community goals.” “This particular bridge and its geographical location that spans both Key West and Monroe County is a fitting tribute to not only Cheryl’s abundant love and contributions to our community but also in a small way recognizes the entire Cates family and their selfless dedication to improving our diverse community”

*(Respectfully drafted, James Gilleran 01/10/2022)



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