

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY THAT THE AIRPORT IN KEY WEST BE NAMED "THE KEY WEST FRED CABANAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Fred Cabanas, a fourth-generation "Conch," has contributed significantly to the history and success of the Key West International Airport as a pilot and entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Fred Cabanas began his family biplane ride business at the Key West International Airport in 1987, and over the years, introduced thousands of Keys citizens and visitors to the wonders of flying through lessons, evaluations, sightseeing flights and aerobatic shows; and

WHEREAS, Fred Cabanas married his wife Susan in a DC-3 over Key West, and passed his love of aviation to the next generation(s), including daughter Kelly, who received her wings of gold from the U.S. Navy, and son Raymond who is a commercial pilot and current member of the Conch Republic Air Force; and

WHEREAS, as Commander General of the Conch Republic Air Force, Fred Cabanas appeared in film and television, and defended

the health and welfare of the residents of Key West, intercepting a real-life Cuban MIG in 1991, and regaling spectators at Conch Republic celebrations, founding the hilarious tradition of "bombing" Coast Guard cutters with toilet paper streamers; and

WHEREAS, Fred Cabanas died on January 15, 2013, at age 60, in a plane crash near Cozumel Mexico, while pursuing his life's passion for aerobatics; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it would be a great honor to name the Key West International Airport, or a part of the airport, for an individual who through his true dedication to aviation, has provided the citizens of Key West so much delight by residing in our community.

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

Section 1: That it is hereby recommended that the Key West International Airport, or a part thereof, be named "The Key West Fred Cabanas International Airport."

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County.

Section 3: 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK