

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE STREET ENTRANCE ON 14th STREET TO THE WICKERS FIELD SPORTS COMPLEX "BILL CATES CIRCLE"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Bill Cates (1915-1975) was a conch-born baseball legend, and public servant deserving of special recognition in the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, in 1935 Bill Cates was recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers organization, and reported to baseball hall of famer Casey Stengel at spring training; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cates played professional baseball for the Sanford Lookouts and the St. Augustine Saints. He was a player/manager for the DeLand team of the Florida State League, and he coached for three years under Manager Pepper Martin for the Miami Sun Sox in the Florida International League in the late 1940's; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cates promoted the sport of baseball throughout Florida, and for decades among the youth of Key West. He organized the City's Little Prep League, was involved with the Key West High School team during all three Championship seasons in the 1950's, and served as a State Commissioner for the Little Major League; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cates served the City of Key West for more than 20 years in positions including Assistant Recreation Director, Director of Parks and Recreation and ultimately as Assistant City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cates was an exceptional citizen of Key West, who should be honored for the many ways he moved forward the sport of baseball, enhanced the lives of youth team players, and served the citizens of Key West as a valued public servant;

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

Section 1: The City Commission recognizes the dedication and accomplishments of Bill Cates, for his service to the sport of baseball, and to the citizens of Key West.

Section 2: That the City right-of-way on 14th Street at the entrance to the Wickers Field sports complex is hereby designated as "Bill Cates Circle," to be marked with appropriate commemorative signage.

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 _____, 2015.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2015.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	_____
Commissioner Teri Johnston	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK