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## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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Fellow Commissioners,

I strongly support this resolution to formally name of the salt pond that borders 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue as "Lake McKillip," after long-time resident John Leigh McKillip and his family.

John McKillip has tended to the shores of the salt pond since his arrival around 1960. It has been his long-time personal mission to clean and protect the area, and ensure that it remains available for fishing and quiet recreation. Mr. McKillip has gained and shared a wealth of knowledge about the salt pond, and his family is continuing the tradition.

As a carpenter, John McKillip has been involved in restoration and construction in Key West for his entire life. He has also brought honor to the City through boats he has designed, built and raced with national success.

John McKillip is 83 years old, and he has passed his passion for the salt pond, and Key West, to several generations. It would be good to honor his efforts by naming this shallow and vital salt pond "Lake McKillip".

Respectfully,

Mayor Craig Cates  
City of Key West

*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*