



COMMENDATION

- WHEREAS,** Key West native, JENNIFER AVERETTE, competed in the 2018 Special Olympics USA-Games held in Seattle, Washington on July 3, 2018 as a member of Team Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** JENNIFER AVERETTE has the distinction of being the first athlete in the 50-year history of the Special Olympic Games from Key West or Monroe County to be invited to participate in the USA-Games, featuring athletes from all 50 States of the Union and from the District of Columbia; and
- WHEREAS,** JENNIFER AVERETTE also has the added distinction of competing in the very first Standup Paddle Boarding competition ever held in any Olympic Games; and
- WHEREAS,** JENNIFER overcame many difficulties during the competition held in Seattle, Washington due to the unfamiliar cold air and water temperatures of Seattle as well as having to use unfamiliar equipment in the competition; and
- WHEREAS,** JENNIFER showed the world her strong Key West competitive spirit and ability to adjust to adverse conditions to overcome adversity and compete at this high level of competition against the best athletes in America, bringing home to her native City of Key West and to the State of Florida the bronze medal placing third in the 3,200 meter race, now, therefore,

In recognition of her outstanding spirited athletic and inspirational achievement, and the great honor she has brought to her native City of Key West, the City Commission of the City of Key West hereby presents this commendation to

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, and Clayton Lopez, Vice-Mayor and District VI Commissioner, do hereby commend

JENNIFER AVERETTE

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN ATHLETE

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of August 2018.

Richard Payne, Commissioner District IV

Clayton Lopez, Commissioner District VI

Craig Cates, Mayor