

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 MEETING, TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON 6TH STREET IN HONOR OF MR. IRVING KARP, AND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-504 OF THE CITY CODE, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2020 TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC NOTICE.

WHEREAS, at the January 15, 2020 City Commission meeting, a discussion regarding commemorating Mr. Irving Karp with a plaque on 6th Street was referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Irving Karp fought in World War II, earning a purple heart; and

WHEREAS, he served as a staff sergeant in the 69th Infantry Division and fought in the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, along with his wife, Ruth Karp, he founded Carnival Fruit Co. in 1960 in Miami Beach, which started as a retail produce store with a single 1.5-ton pickup truck and grew to a fleet of more than 70 trucks that distributed produce wholesale across South Florida and in the Caribbean, becoming a community staple for decades; and

WHEREAS, at its February 3, 2020 meeting, the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee ("NQLC") directed City Staff to return when an agreement for placement of the plaque had been established with the current property owner; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020, the property owner granted permission for the installation of a plaque on the corner of 6th Street and Meridian Avenue; and

WHEREAS, at its September 23, 2020 meeting, the NQLC approved the installation of a commemorative plaque and moved their recommendation to the full Commission; and

WHEREAS, a plaque commemorating Mr. Irving Karp will be installed on the corner of 6th street and Meridian Avenue, where Carnival Fruit Co. business was originally established, and the verbiage will read as follows:

IRVING I. KARP
Entrepreneur & Decorated War Veteran

On any given day through the 1960s and 70s, Irving and Ruth Karp could be found at this exact location working in the business they founded in 1960, Carnival Fruit Co. What started as a retail produce store with a single 1.5-ton pickup truck grew to a fleet of more than 70 trucks that distributed produce wholesale across South Florida and in the Caribbean, and their successful produce company stood as a community staple for decades.

Irving Karp fought in World War II, serving as a staff sergeant in the 69th Infantry

Division. He fought in the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, served as a translator to help British intelligence interview German soldiers, and earned a purple heart. He is remembered as a caring family man, and for his entrepreneurial spirit and success along with his philanthropic support in our community; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A presents the proposed verbiage on a 12x12 plaque, which will be an estimated \$1,300.00 for production and installation; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department will be funding this plaque and all future maintenance costs of the plaque will be covered by the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 82-504 of the City Code sets forth the process for the installation of monuments and memorials, and the Mayor and City Commission are required to hold a public hearing prior to final approval of the commemorative plaque.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its September 23, 2020 meeting, to approve the installation of a commemorative plaque on 6th Street in honor of Mr. Irving Karp, and, pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code, set a Public Hearing for November 18, 2020 to consider the installation of the commemorative plaque, and direct the City Clerk to publish the appropriate public notice.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2020.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

9/29/20

Date