

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 AND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-503 OF THE CITY CODE, APPROVING, BY 5/7THS VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE NAMING OF THE NORTH SHORE BASEBALL FIELDS, WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN NORTH SHORE PARK AND YOUTH CENTER, AS THE "MANNY LAFONT BASEBALL FIELDS", IN MEMORY OF MANNY LAFONT, A VICTIM OF THE SURFSIDE CHAMPLAIN TOWERS BUILDING COLLAPSE.

WHEREAS, during the July 28, 2021 City Commission meeting, a referral to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee ("NQLC") was made to hold a discussion regarding naming the North Shore Park baseball fields after Manuel "Manny" LaFont, a victim of the Surfside Champlain Tower collapse; and

WHEREAS, at the September 20, 2021 NQLC meeting, the Committee gave a positive recommendation and supported the request to name the baseball fields after Mr. LaFont; and

WHEREAS, at the October 13, 2021 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission accepted the recommendation of the NQLC, approving the naming of the North Shore Park baseball fields, located within the North Shore Park and Youth Center, in memory of Mr. LaFont; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is set for October 27, 2021, pursuant to Section 82-503 of the City Code, to consider whether to approve the proposed name by a 5/7th vote; and directing the City Clerk to provide public notice of the hearing consistent with the requirements of Section 82-503(a)(5); and

WHEREAS, Manny LaFont, father and North Shore Park baseball coach, lost his life at the age of 54 during the tragic Surfside Champlain Tower collapse on June 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaFont was a parishioner at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Miami Beach where his children attended school; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Park was Mr. LaFont's second home, where he coached his son's baseball team and shared his lifelong passion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaFont was known to have deeply cared about the development of all the athletes he coached and across the field; and

WHEREAS, upon Mr. LaFont's passing, the kind gesture of naming the North Shore Baseball Fields was proposed, in recognition of Mr. LaFont's dedication to his community, and approved by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the plaque will be placed on a pedestal in the batting cage area at the North Shore Park and Youth Center where Mr. LaFont spent most of his time coaching; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the plaque is \$1,460.00, and the pedestal and installation cost is \$5,900.00.

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 and, pursuant to Section 82-503 of the City Code, approve, by 5/7ths vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the naming of the North Shore Baseball Fields, which are located within North Shore Park and Youth Center, as the "Manny LaFont Baseball Fields", in memory of Manny LaFont, a victim of the Surfside Champlain Towers building collapse.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 27th day of October 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *W*

10-19-21

Date