RESOLUTION NO.

2013-28183

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE PRENTICE FOUNDATION TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FOR THE RESTORATION AND CONSERVANCY OF MONUMENT ISLAND AND THE FLAGLER MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, in honor of Henry Flagler, the railroad tycoon who facilitated the development of South Florida by bringing the Florida Eastcoast Railway to Miami and Key West, Carl Fisher commissioned the Flagler Memorial on Monument Island by nationally recognized sculptor, Ettore Pellagatta, who also created the "library lions" guarding the main entrance to the New York Public Library in Manhattan, as well as the carved stone figures on the bow of Vizcaya's "stone boat" on Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, Monument Island, with its magnificent 96' Flagler Memorial obelisk, is a significant landmark in the City and is home to one of the few remaining public works of art from the early 20th Century providing a valuable sense of history and place relative to the City's early development; and

WHEREAS, gracing the base of the Flagler Memorial on Monument Island are four 25' masterfully sculpted allegorical statues representing Prosperity, Industry, Education, and the Pioneer; and

WHEREAS, due to their significant cultural and high artistic values, characteristic of an early period in the history of the City, the Miami Beach City Commission designated the Flagler Memorial and Monument Island as a local historic site on March 20, 2002; and

WHEREAS, in order to help preserve Monument Island and the Flagler Memorial as an ecological, educational, recreational, and historical landmark in the City of Miami Beach, the Mayor and City Commission wish to accept a donation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from The Prentice Foundation for the restoration and conservancy of this local historic treasure.

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 a donation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from The Prentice Foundation, which funds shall be utilized by the City of Miami Beach for the restoration and conservancy of Monument Island and the Flagler Memorial.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ______ day of April, 2013.

INCORP

ORATED:

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Matti Herrera Bower

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE

& FOR EXECUTION



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jimmy Morales, City Manager and Jose Smith, City Attorney

FROM:

Michael Góngora, Commissioner

DATE:

April 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Discussion Item for April 17 Commission Meeting

Please place on the April Commission meeting consent agenda to accept a donation for Monument Island. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my aide Diana Fontani at ext 6087.

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