

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE NEAR THE RACQUETBALL COURTS IN FLAMINGO PARK, IN MEMORY OF GENE HOWARD, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-504 OF THE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, during the October 13, 2021 City Commission meeting, the discussion on the placement of a plaque near the racquetball courts in Flamingo Park in commemoration of Gene Howard was referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee; and

WHEREAS, at the October 29, 2021 Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee Meeting, the Committee approved the placement of a plaque near the Flamingo Park racquetball courts in commemoration of Miami Beach resident Gene Howard; and

WHEREAS, Gene Howard believed wholeheartedly in public access to sports and was a devoted racquetball player in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, he began playing handball and racquetball at Flamingo Park in 1966, and did so continually at these public courts until 2011, when he was 70 years old; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard won the statewide singles championship for the over-50 division in 1992; and

WHEREAS, he also shared his passion by recruiting many young players to the game and always played to win, no matter the discrepancy in ages; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard enthusiastically supported his community as a former chairman of the Miami Beach Golf Program, founder of the Billy Shockett Golf Tournament, and sponsor of a baseball team at Flamingo Park in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, it would be fitting and appropriate to place commemorative plaque near the racquetball courts in Flamingo Park in honor of "Racquet Gene" Howard; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution 2022-31984, setting a public hearing for February 9, 2022, pursuant to section 82-504 of the City Code, to consider the installation 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, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the installation of a commemorative plaque near the racquetball courts in Flamingo Park, in memory of Gene Howard, pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code.

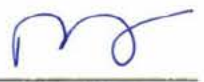
PASSED and ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2022.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney

2-3-22
Date