

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, AND FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE NAMING OF THE FLAMINGO PARK BASKETBALL COURTS AS “COACH ARNOLD “ARNIE” NOTKIN BASKETBALL COURTS” PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-503(B) OF THE CITY CODE, IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD NOTKIN, A FORMER PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT CENTRAL BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (NOW MIAMI BEACH FIENBERG-FISHER K-8), LONG-TIME COACH AT FLAMINGO PARK, AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, WHO PERISHED IN THE TRAGIC COLLAPSE OF CHAMPLAIN TOWERS ON JUNE 24, 2021.

WHEREAS, at the February 22, 2023 City Commission meeting, a discussion pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code was referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”), for a recommendation on the naming of a facility or other portion of Flamingo Park to commemorate Mr. Arnold Notkin, who was a former physical education teacher at Central Beach Elementary School (now Miami Beach Fienberg-Fisher K-8), long-time coach at Flamingo Park, and former President of the Police Athletic League, who perished in the tragic collapse of Champlain Towers on June 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, at the April 18, 2023 PSNQLC meeting, the three Committee members recommended naming the basketball courts at Flamingo Park in honor of Mr. Arnold Notkin, as well as placing a plaque at the basketball courts in memory of Mr. Notkin; and

WHEREAS, the approval process for naming the Flamingo Park basketball courts, pursuant to Section 82-503(a)(5) of the City Code, requires the City Commission to hold a public hearing, with notice of the public hearing to be published at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the City; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2023, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-32602, accepting the recommendation of the PSNQLC, at its April 28, 2023 meeting, to approve the naming of the basketball courts at Flamingo Park to commemorate Mr. Arnold Notkin, a former physical education teacher at Central Beach Elementary School (now Miami Beach Fienberg-Fisher K-8), long-time coach at Flamingo Park, and former President of the Police Athletic League, who perished in the tragic collapse of Champlain Towers on June 24, 2021; and setting a public hearing for June 28, 2023 pursuant to Section 82-503 of the City Code, to consider whether to approve the proposed name by a 5/7ths 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, Mr. Arnold Notkin, known by many as “Arnie,” was a Parks and Recreation coach in the 1960s and 1970s, working primarily out of Flamingo Park, in addition to other sites such as Crespi Park and Tatum Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Notkin also worked as a physical education teacher at Central Beach Elementary School (now the Miami Beach Fienberg-Fisher K-8) for approximately 40 years, and his mentorship impacted youth in Miami Beach communities throughout that time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Notkin was the President of the local Police Athletic League and he did a great amount of volunteer work and was beloved by the countless students and children he impacted over many years; and

