

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Proclamation

AFFECTED DISTRICT: All

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Bob Amchir Day

REPORT IN BRIEF: Bob Amchir a Davie resident, founded and became the National President of the Wings of Gold Motorcycle Club that raised money for children fighting leukemia. Bob Amchir created the South Florida President's Council Annual Charity Run and sponsored the "SFPC Toys in the Sun Run", that donated \$20 million worth of toys for needy children and \$6.5 million dollars to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, in Hollywood. The Town of Davie wishes to change the street known as Northwest Seventy-fifth Terrace to read "Bob Amchir Way " Northwest Seventy-fifth Terrace to his memory.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Bob Amchir received the United States of America Presidential Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Spirit of Healing Award from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, and the Town of Davie honored him with a Humanitarian of the Year Award.

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: No

Has request been budgeted? n/a

Additional Comments: On Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the age of sixty-seven (67), Bob Amchir, unexpectedly passed away and will always be remembered as a kind, warm hearted, passionate friend, who loved his community.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to Approve Proclamation

Attachment(s): 1) Proclamation



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Bob Amchir was born in Long Island, New York, on November 14, 1939, and attended both Elementary and High School in East Meadow, New York and;

WHEREAS, as a young man Bob enlisted into the United States Army and served his Country for three years, and after returning home, Bob opened a demolition business with his brother Mel, named "Amchir Brothers Demolition," and Bob also at this time became a New York police officer and;

WHEREAS, in 1960, Bob first met a young woman named Donna Owens at a local Dave Shores hamburger stand, and on their first date he picked Donna up on his motorcycle. They shared a love for both motorcycling and cars, and on June 9, 1962, Bob married Donna Owens in Roslyn, New York, and they would remain married for 46 years. Together they had three children David, Donald, and Daniel, and;

WHEREAS, in 1978, Bob moved his family to Davie, Florida where he started a new business "Armor Tops of Davie," that made novelty motorcycle helmets and starters for Harley Cycles. Motorcycling was in Bob's blood, so in 1987, Bob founded and became the National President of the Wings of Gold Motorcycle Club, and;

WHEREAS, Bob met a local business man named James Kleinrichert who wished to raise money for children fighting leukemia in honor of his own son, who had died from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kleinrichert took Bob to Jackson Memorial Hospital, to visit a young boy suffering from leukemia. When they walked out, Bob had tears in his eyes...and made a commitment to Mr. Kleinrichert to have his newly founded Wings of Gold Motorcycle Club create a new event to raise money for this cause, and;

WHEREAS, in 1987, Bob created the South Florida President's Council Annual Charity Run; he entitled the event the "SFPC Toys in the Sun Run", and the event grew from 700 motorcycles the first year to 40,000 motorcycles this past year, and the event has donated \$20 million worth of toys for needy children and \$6.5 million dollars to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, and;

WHEREAS, in 2006, Bob Amchir received the United States of America Presidential Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Spirit of Healing Award from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, and the Town of Davie honored him with a Humanitarian of the Year Award, and;

WHEREAS, Bob was looking forward to the dedication of the South Florida President's Council of Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations Pediatric Trauma Center, at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. However, he fell ill and never had a chance to see the new sign on the facility, and;

WHEREAS, Wednesday, December 6, 2006, Bob Amchir himself succumbed from the same disease he had dedicated his life to fighting and;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., Mayor Tom Truex and the Davie Town Council will rededicate NW 75 Terrace to the memory of Bob Amchir and ask all residents to attend the dedication, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Davie Mayor and Town Council do hereby proclaim February 13, 2007 as:

BOB AMCHIR DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand this 7th day of February, of the year, 2007.

Mayor Tom Truex, Town of Davie