

Meeting Date
November 17, 2015



ADD ON	
AGENDA	
Section	RESOLUTION
Item No.	I.D

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution: Congressional Gold Medal recipient, Thomas J. Jones.
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board approve a resolution recognizing and commending Thomas J. Jones for his outstanding distinguished achievements and contributions to this country, and for receiving the nation's highest civilian award.

Summary Explanation & Background:

POC: Molly Tice 633-2044
Molly.tice@brevardcounty.us

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No PR

County Manager	Deputy County Manager	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager	



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November 18, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4 Attn: Molly Tice

RE: Item I.D., Resolution Recognizing Congressional Gold Medal Recipient Thomas J. Jones

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on November 17, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-220, recognizing Thomas J. Jones as the Congressional Gold Medal recipient. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, a Congressional Gold Medal is the most prestigious award given to a civilian by the United States Congress, and is awarded to persons "who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement"; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington was the first person to receive the award in 1776; and

WHEREAS, true heroes are born, not made, and such is the case with Brevard County resident THOMAS J. JONES, who is considered by those he served with, as the father of the U2 and the SR71, more commonly known as the Blackbird; and

WHEREAS, at a mere 15 years old, TOM JONES earned his pilot license, had his Pilot Wings pinned on by Eddie Rickenbaker, and volunteered to fly and serve in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), predecessor to the CIA before he was able to drive a car; and

WHEREAS, TOM was prompted to enter the U.S. Air Force, as part of the institutions first graduating class, and was embedded in the Air Force as a member of the National Reconnaissance Organization; and

WHEREAS, TOM flew for the Civil Air Patrol as Pilot and Spotter on the East Coast in the B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-24 Liberator, covering for ships and aircraft; he was classified to fly both during the day and at night, a noteworthy accomplishment for the time; in all, TOM served 31 years as a United States Air Force Pilot, and 27 years serving in several Civil Air Patrol departments; and

WHEREAS, the details of TOM'S achievements as a leader are largely unknown to those honoring him for this most prestigious award; however, TOM has many personal achievements indicative of a man who dedicates himself selflessly to the service of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize and commend

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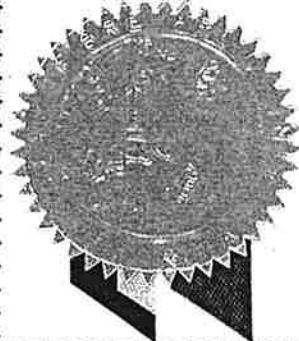
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DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 17th day of November, 2015.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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