



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.3.

5/3/2022

Subject:

Resolution recognizing the late Llewellyn M. "Doc" Ehrhart

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the BOCC approve the resolution recognizing the late Llewellyn M. "Doc" Ehrhart.

Summary Explanation and Background:

None

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide one framed copy of the resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as a new university professor in the early 1970s, Llewellyn M. "Doc" Ehrhart began studying sea turtles as part of a NASA grant to understand vulnerable animals near the prospective Shuttle Landing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center; and

WHEREAS, in the early 80s, Ehrhart expanded his sea turtle research south to include Brevard County's southernmost coastline and, along with his students, was the first to make systematic season-long counts of nesting abundance on this beach, proving that this stretch had more nesting loggerhead sea turtles than any other of comparable length in the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1980s, Ehrhart adeptly soft-sold turtle conservation to key regulators, the governor, a senator, celebrities, media, conservation leaders, and the public by using one simple persuasive tactic—show them a nesting turtle; and

WHEREAS, on a frequent basis, Ehrhart would host influential visitors to the join the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group on a night monitoring session and would invite them to sit behind a laying loggerhead, listening to the intriguing biology of the experience through his stories and absorbing the rarity of the circumstance; and

WHEREAS, through Ehrhart's efforts with these powerful decision makers as well as his presentation of scientific evidence from detailed nesting data, segments of the South Brevard coastline became protected and in 1991, were designated as the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, the hundreds of influential students and colleagues Ehrhart mentored and influenced are continuing his work in science, conservation, and resource management; and

WHEREAS, with his passing on March 3, 2022, Ehrhart has left Brevard County with the pride of knowing that the thousands of nesting sea turtles arriving home at this short stretch of refuge beach each year to carry on their own kind receive good stewardship, and continue to inspire our future leaders, citizens, and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby recognize the legacy of

LLEWELLYN M. "DOC" EHRHART

and honors his profound positive effect on Brevard County and its residents.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 3rd day of May A.D., 2022.

KRISTINE ZONKA, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK



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May 4, 2022

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Kristine Zonka, District 5 Attn: Danielle Stern

RE: Item E.3., Resolution Recognizing the Late Llewellyn M. "Doc" Ehrhart

The Board of Commissioners, in regular session on May 3, 2022, adopted Resolution No. 22-039, recognizing the late Llewellyn M. "Doc" Ehrhart. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Donna Scott
for Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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