

Meeting Date
July 10, 2018



AGENDA	
Section	Resolution
Item No.	E.5

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution, Recognizing: Bill Kowalczyk
DEPT/OFFICE:	Jim Barfield, District 2 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution recognizing Bill Kowalczyk for his distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the community.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Accepting resolution: Bill Kowalczyk

Name: Bridget Minnick
 Phone: 454-6601

Clerk to the Board Instructions: FRAME

Exhibits Attached: Resolution

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

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 Frank Abbate

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 John Denninghoff

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July 11, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Jim Barfield, District 2 Attn: Bridget Minnick

RE: Item E.5., Resolution Recognizing Bill Kowalczyk

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on July 10, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 18-086, recognizing Bill Kowalczyk for his service and contributions to the community. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Brevard



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** served honorably in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) from 1971 to 1977, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant (SSGT) and he worked on Marine aircraft/helicopters as an aircraft structures mechanic; and

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WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** began working with the Brevard Veterans Council (BVC) and Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) in 2000, when the center obtained the Huey and Cobra helicopters from the military **BILL** assisted in reassembling, painting, and repairing the aircrafts; and

WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** assembled a team of volunteers to repair the UH-1 Huey helicopter that was badly damaged during a hurricane, being knocked to the ground from its pedestal and returned it to its pristine condition and back on display; and

WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** accepted the challenge to become the Chairman of the Memorial Plaza and worked with the membership to design the Memorial Plaza, overseeing the addition of several monuments, benches, and hundreds of memorial bricks that make the plaza what it is today; and

WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** obtained an A-7 Corsair aircraft from the Naval Museum in Pensacola and had it shipped, assembled, and repainted adding the name and tail number of a local fallen serviceman; and

WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** has served with distinction in the position of Chairman of the Brevard Veterans Council and Vice President of the Veterans Memorial Center, his dedication led to improvements to the Center, Museum, and Veterans Park and have been implemented because of his enthusiasm and love of serving his fellow veterans, including one recent accomplishment of having a sign placed on I-95, advertising the Center, Park and Museum, Well done **BILL**: and

WHEREAS, **BILL KOWALCZYK** has been instrumental in maintaining close working relationships with the County Commissioners, Brevard County Parks and Recreation, Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency, Tourist Development Agency, and many Veterans' organizations to make the Veterans Memorial Center the special place it is today.

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

BILL KOWALCZYK

for his distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the community.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10th day of July 2018.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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