



May 29, 2007

I Would Like To Call The May 29th Board Of County Commissioners Meeting To Order.

I Received A Call From Pastor Hamilton That He Will Not Be Here, So Reverend Owen We Will Call On You To Substitute.

Good Morning, Let's Bow Our Heads.

Recognize Our God.

Dear God, Today As This Meeting Opens We Pray Your Presence Will Be Before Us And Everyone In The Decision Making Process This Morning.

We Pray For Your Direction That Will Lead Our County To Be Strong And Unified.

We Pray For Those In Need Across Our Nation, People Without Basic Needs To Survive, May They Receive Relief From Your Hand Which Will Be Beneficial To Them.

Guide Us This Day We Pray, Amen.

Amen.

I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag, Of The United States Of America And To The Republic, For Which It Stands, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty And Justice For All.

Thank You Much, David.

Appreciate The Filling In.

We Have A Number Of Ceremonial Resolutions And Presentations Today.

There Are Three Of Them Today.

It's My Pleasure To Be Able To Read One.

Thank You Very Much.

I Have All The Resolutions In Front Of Me Except One And Commissioner Mann Was Kind Enough To Bring It Up.

So I Appreciate That.

The First Will Be Honoring G.I.C.I.A.

Misty Nichols?  
Come On Up To The Podium.

Misty Is The Executive Director Of The G.I.C.I.A.

Just Does An Outstanding Job.

This Was A Long Term Organization On Boca Grand That Really Can Be Counted Onto Lead The Way In Terms Of Anything That Needs To Be Done On Boca Grand.

Misty And Her Group.

Talk About Needing To Shovel Snow Down The Main Road Gicia They Are Out There Doing It.

I Have A Resolution I Would Like To Read.

Whereas 1996 Board Of County Commissioners Created A Conservation Lands Program Widely Known As Conservation 2020 Program To Acquire And Protect Therefore Be It Resolved, Lee County Would Like To Take This Opportunity For The Generation Contribution Made By The Gicia.

Resolution Is Dated This 29th Day Of May 2007.

I'm Very Pleased To Have Been Able To Sign It.

Misty?  
[Applause]

We Always New Misty As Misty Neighbors And Now She Got Married So Now She Is Misty Nichols.

On Behalf Of The G.I.C.I. Board Of Directors Thank You For Recognizing Us For A Project We Are So Passionate About.

It's A Great Program.

As Executive Director For The Last 10 Years I've Had The Honor And Privilege Of Working With You And We Have Had Wonderful Accomplishments.

One Being Beach Restoration Project, If You Have Not Seen It, You Need To.

Rollen, Steve, Robert, Great Job.

Your 2020 Staff Was So Wonderful To Work With, Linda Is A Professional That Represents You Very Well.

We Are Pleased And Privileged This Island Will Be Protected Forever And We Thank You For The Recognition.

Thank You Misty.

[Applause]

The Next Resolution I Have Is Always One That's Near And Dear To My Heart, We Know People Who Have Been Involved In This.

This Has To Do With A.L.S. Awareness Month.

We Have A Number Of Guests.

If You Would Like To Come Up We Will Make A Presentation, We Will Bring You Up To The Podium.

What I Want To Say Is Included In The Resolution, I Don't Want To Say It Twice.

So Please Believe It's From The Heart, A Serious Problem In The Community, Which There Is No Known Cure.

You Have Our Support And Sympathy.

Whereas A.L.S. Is Better Known As Lou Gherigs Disease And Is A Fatal Neuro Degenerative Disease Characterized By Degeneration Of The Cell Bodies Of Lower Motor Neurons Of The Grey Matter Of The Spinal Cord And Initial Symptoms Is Weakness Of The Skeletal Muscles, Especially Extremists And As A.L.S. Progresses The Patient Experiences Difficulty In Swallowing, Talking And Breathing And Eventually Causes Muscles To Atrophy And The Patient Becomes A Functional Quadriplegic, Where It Doesn't Affect Their Mental Capacity, They Remain Alert.

And It Occurs In Adulthood Between Ages Of 40-70, P-Gauge Of About 55 Years And Affects Men 2-3 Times More Often Than Women, And Whereas 5,000 New A.L.S. Patients Are Diagnosed Annually And On The Average Patients Only Survive 2-5 Years From The Time Of Diagnosis, And Whereas Research Indicates Military Veterans Are At A 50% Or Greater Risk Of Developing A.L.S. Than Those Who Have Not Served In The Military And Has No Known Cure, Cause, Means Of Prevention Or Cure.

And Whereas A.L.S. Awareness Month Increases The Public's Awareness And Acknowledges The Terrible Impact This Disease Has Not Only On The Patient But On His Or Her Family As Well And Recognizes The Research Being Done To Eradicate This Horrible Disease, Therefore Be It Resolved We Here By Proclaim May 27th As A.L.S. Month And Be It Further Resolved The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County Strongly Urges Congress Of The United States To Enact Legislation To Provide Additional Funding For Research To Find A Treatment And Eventually A Cure For A.L.S.

Duly Signed This 29th Day Of May.

I Appreciate The Representative For The Caloosa Chapter Being Here To Accept This Resolution, So On Behalf Of The Board--