



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

WALK OF  
FAME

2022  
NOMINATIONS

**2022 WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**CITY HALL – 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Attendance in person is required to speak on an item.  
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**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Call Meeting to Order
- III. Approval of March 30, 2021, Minutes
- IV. Selection of Chair for 2022
- V. Discussion of 2022 Walk of Fame Nominations
- VI. 2022 Walk of Fame Selections
- VII. Other Matters of Interest or Concern
- VIII. Adjourn

**Committee Members:**

Lillian Small  
Robert Lochrie  
Genia Ellis  
George Hanbury  
Gale Butler  
Denyse Cunningham

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Walk of Fame Committee is to review nominations for the award and to provide a recommendation to the City Commission for winners to be selected

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**DRAFT**  
**City of Fort Lauderdale**  
**WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE**  
**City Hall, 8th Conference Room**  
**Friday, March 30, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present**

Sonya Burrows, Chair  
Denyse Cunningham  
Dr. Harry Moon (designee of George Hanbury) [until 2:33]  
Robert Lochrie, III  
Patrick Shavloske  
Ramola Motwani

**Committee Members Absent:**

Lillian Small

**Staff Present**

Sarah Spurlock, Nighttime Economy Manager  
Jamie Opperlee, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

**Also Present**

Dennis Ulmer

***Welcome/Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Committee members and staff members introduced themselves.

Ms. Spurlock explained that since no selections had been made on the nominations last year, they had incorporated those into this year's nominees list. She announced the induction ceremony would be held at the July 4 Beach Party instead of the Memorial Day Beach Party. They would also honor the 2019 inductees at that event.

Ms. Spurlock suggested each member state their top eight nominees, to narrow the list from the total of 29. There would ultimately be no more than four winners.

Ms. Burrows said the Committee had discussed at their last meeting informing the nominators that they could speak at the meeting. Ms. Spurlock stated she had posted notice of the meeting.

Mr. Lochrie asked if all applications had been complete and Ms. Spurlock said if an application was lacking, she advised the applicant to provide the missing information.

### ***Selection of Chair for 2021***

**MOTION** made by Mr. Shavloske, seconded by Ms. Motwani to appoint Sonya Burrows as Chair of the 2021 Walk of Fame Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Public Discussion on 2021 Walk of Fame Nominations***

Chair Burrows opened the floor for public discussion of the 2021 Walk of Fame honorees.

Chair Burrows recognized Dennis Ulmer, who had nominated Sylvia Aldridge, one of the City's first black settlers, in 1904. Ms. Aldridge had founded the first employment agency and a cab company for black commuters. She had also helped raise funds for Provident Hospital, which served the Black Community until desegregation the 1960s. Ms. Aldridge had founded the Dillard High School PTA and helped fund the school's first band.

Chair Burrows closed the public discussion of the 2021 Walk of Fame honorees.

### ***2021 Walk of Fame Selection***

Committee members listed their top eight choices and Ms. Spurlock tallied the votes. The top three vote getters were Sylvia Aldridge, Michael Hurst and John MacDonald. Eugenia Ellis and Maryann Gray were tied.

Dr. Moon left the meeting at 2:33.

Chair Burrows opened the floor for Committee discussion of the 2021 Walk of Fame honorees. Committee members discussed the top selections.

Committee members voted to break the tie between Ms. Gray and Ms. Ellis and Ms. Ellis received the majority of votes.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Lochrie, seconded by Mr. Shavloske to recognize the following people as 2021 Walk of Fame Honorees: Sylvia Aldridge, Michael Hurst, Eugenia Ellis, and John MacDonald. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Motwani recalled that a newly relocated couple had sought her out upon moving to Fort Lauderdale. They had noticed her name on the Walk of Fame and asked her about her contributions and how they could contribute to the City with their foundation. She noted this was how the award continued to offer opportunities and increase Fort Lauderdale's legacy.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Chair Burrows recalled discussing the following:

- Changing the criteria to refer to “sustained impact” and that the impact should be related to more than a person’s career
- Including an invitation for nominators to speak at the meeting

Mr. Lochrie suggested including the invitation to address the Committee on the application. Ms. Spurlock agreed this could be done, but was concerned that this could result in a bias in favor of those who had someone speak at the meeting. Mr. Lochrie noted how long the meeting might be if every nominator spoke. He felt everyone should be made aware that they would have the opportunity to speak if they wished.

Mr. Shavloske suggested sending an email to everyone who submitted an application, informing them of the date of the meeting and that they would be afforded a brief period of time to speak.

Mr. Lochrie suggested holding the meeting earlier in the year to allow time for a second meeting if they needed it.

Ms. Spurlock informed the Committee that the City Commission would hear this at their April 20 meeting.

Ms. Spurlock said they would try to schedule a January or February meeting next year. She asked Committee members to attend the April 20 City Commission meeting if possible to discuss their decision with the Commission.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Lochrie, seconded by Mr. Shavloske to approve the 2019 Walk of Fame Committee minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

***Other Matters of Interest or Concern***

None

***Adjourn***

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jamie Opperlee, Prototype Inc.

# **City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Honorees (2010 – 2021)**

## **2021**

Sylvia Aldridge  
Guardian Champion

Eugenia Duncan Ellis  
President and CEO, Riverwalk

Michael E. Hurst  
Restaurateur, Educator and Hospitality Legend

John D. MacDonald  
Author and Environmentalist

## **2019**

Walter Banks  
President, Lago Mar Beach Resort and Club

Levi Henry  
Founder, Westside Gazette Newspaper

The Perry Family  
Building a Beach Legacy

Stan Smoker  
Visionary, Developer and Preservationist

## **2018**

Evelyn Fortune Bartlett  
Artist and Patron of Art and Ornament

Beauregard Cummings  
Civic Leader, Mentor and Community Organizer

Elliott Miley Hendricks, M.D.  
Pioneer, Physician, and Humanitarian

Robert B. "Buddy" Lochrie Jr.  
Fort Lauderdale Native, Banker and Civic Leader

**2017**

Dr. George L. Hanbury, II  
Fort Lauderdale City Manager  
President Nova Southeastern University

Kaye Pearson  
Marine Industry Icon and Founder of Show Management

The Motwani Family  
Ramesh "Bob," Ramola, Dev and Nitin  
Fort Lauderdale Beach Visionaries

The Zloch Brothers  
Bill, Chuck, and Jim  
Brothers Dedicated to the City through Sports, Law, Finance, and Community Service

**2016**

George L. Burrows, Sr.  
Founder of Burrows Electric Company

Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue  
A Tradition of Excellence for 90 Years, 1926-2016

Nicki Englander Grossman  
Tourism Czar

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly  
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Supervising Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas and Cardinal Gibbons High Schools

**2015**

Hugh Taylor Birch  
Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach

Ina Lee  
Tourism Icon

Dr. Ron O'Brien  
8-Time U.S.A. Olympic Diving Coach

Tim Schiavone  
Owner, World Famous Parrot Lounge

**2014**

“Crazy” Gregg Newell  
Father of Spring Break

Jerome “Jerry” Faber  
Tourism Pioneer

John Amodeo  
Legendary Restaurateur

**2013**

W. George Allen  
Attorney and Civil Rights Advocate

The Gill Family  
Fort Lauderdale’s First Family of Tourism

Jack Drury  
Public Relations Executive and Goodwill Ambassador

**2012**

H. Wayne Huizenga  
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

Jimmy Evert  
The Patriarch of Tennis in Fort Lauderdale

Chris Evert  
Hall of Fame Tennis Professional

Woody Woodbury  
Comedian, Actor and Television Personality

**2011**

City of Fort Lauderdale  
Commemorating the City’s Centennial (1911 – 2011)

Louise Crocco  
Legendary Cardinal Gibbons High School Girls’ Volleyball Coach

Brent Jett  
Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander

Marcia Pinder

Award-winning Dillard High School Girls' Basketball Coach

Rick Shaw  
Radio Broadcasting Legend

George Smith  
Legendary St. Thomas Aquinas High School Football Coach

**2010**

Connie Francis  
Singer, Actress, Entertainer  
Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are"

**City of Fort Lauderdale  
2022 Walk of Fame Nominations**

**Arnold Abbott**

**Hal Barnes**

**Charles Black**

**Nancy Bryant and Jerry Taylor**

**Julia Costin**

**James A. Dallas, Sr.**

**Lisa Scott Founds**

**Victoria Franklin**

**Joel Karl Gustafson**

**Mary Jackson**

**William Kent**

**Bennie Lynch**

**Angine Moss-Kenon**

**Alexandros Passakos**

**Juan Rodriguez**

**William Rotella**

**Ivy Cromartie Stranahan**

**Shane Strum**

**Norman Tripp**

**William Walker**

**John Weaver**

## 2022 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

Name of nominated honoree: **Arnold Abbott** 1924-2018

Contact Person: Sharon Wigutoff  
2831 N Ocean Blvd Apt 1001N  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308  
Cell Phone: 516-238-4517  
Email: [sharonwig@gmail.com](mailto:sharonwig@gmail.com)

The following Fort Lauderdale residents are filing this nomination of Arnold Abbott.  
Please note that all names below have given their permission.

Larry Benson  
Pastor Dwayne Black  
Jane Bredbeck  
Neal Bredbeck  
Melissa Butler  
Lesley Clark-Smith  
Sheila Franklin  
Pamela Gibson  
Scott Gibson  
Griselda Hale  
Gerry Hall  
Barry Hogan  
Marcia Hogan  
Martyna Kilsheimer  
Dr. James Lang  
Katie Skelhorn  
Irene Smith  
Eric Van Trump  
Jessica Van Trump  
Sharon Wigutoff  
Edwin Wigutoff  
Stefan Wysocki  
Win Zolcover

1. Arnold Abbott came to Fort Lauderdale in 1970 and resided here for almost fifty years. For the last 27 years of his life, he dedicated himself to feeding the homeless and the hungry in our community, without judgment. Many of the folks who came to his feedings were local residents who, while not necessarily without a home, found themselves in financial stress that made providing for their needs a difficulty. Arnold rented commercial kitchens and, along with his volunteers, prepared meals for multiple weekly feedings. His feedings were not “soup kitchens” or sandwich handouts—they were places to get a warm plate of sustenance, served by welcoming neighbors, while also getting advice on housing, employment, and medical needs.

Dr. James Lang, a Fort Lauderdale ophthalmologist, worked with Arnold at the feedings to offer free vision testing and free eyeglasses to those who could not otherwise afford this.

In time, Arnold established a teaching program to provide people with the skills needed to get jobs in our local Fort Lauderdale restaurants. The Love Thy Neighbor Culinary Skills Training Program was accredited by the Broward County School System and affiliated with McFatter Technical School and Broward College

His feedings welcomed many young students doing community service hours, a way to fulfill a requirement while also realizing that our city of Fort Lauderdale was home to people of many backgrounds and circumstances. He also had a “Homeward Bound” program to advise folks needing assistance to return to their families and their communities of origin.

At Christmas time, Arnold’s Love Thy Neighbor program joined with the L.A. Lee Family YMCA in Fort Lauderdale to host a Santa pizza party with carnival games and toy distribution, hosting over 500 parents and children from our city each year.

Hundreds of people volunteered over nearly three decades to work with Arnold. These included local residents who found this to be a genuine way to add meaning to their lives, and it also included many seasonal visitors who came to Fort Lauderdale to vacation but found time to help when they learned about the feedings.

2012: Arnold Abbott 2-1-1 Broward Non-Profit Leader of the Year,

2014: Arnold Abbott “Advocate of the Year” by the Congressional Hunger Center and the National Coalition for the Homeless

2. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote: "To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you, that's what I think a meaningful life is. One lives not just for oneself but for one's community."

Arnold Abbott was a living embodiment of these words. As a veteran of World War II and a recipient of two Purple Hearts, he learned the concept of sacrifice and fellowship as a young man serving his country. In the 1960's, he worked tirelessly for civil rights and political equality. As director of Love Thy Neighbor for 27 years, he served thousands of hot meals a week to anyone in need. "Chef Arnold" was a lifeline to many in our community who wanted not a handout, but a hand up to help them transition to independent living.

Arnold Abbott could be stubborn and combative when he defended those less fortunate. However, the empathy that he displayed to everyone who knew him, who worked with him, who came to his feedings, and even those who had just heard about his dedicated life has had a ripple effect throughout the city of Fort Lauderdale that continues today, even after his death.

This nomination is being submitted by many of these residents who want to honor this remarkable human being, Arnold Abbott.

3. Arnold Abbott was born in Massachusetts in 1924. When World War II began, he left his studies at the University of Pennsylvania to enlist, earning two Purple Hearts. He was twice elected a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1964 and 1968 and was instrumental in helping seat the Mississippi Freedom Delegation at the 1968 Convention, after the regular Mississippi delegation refused to include African Americans. His commitment to civil rights and racial equality was a lifelong passion. That belief in the worth of every human being continued when Arnold moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1970. Together with his wife Maureen, he worked to challenge racial and social inequality, and following her tragic death in 1991, he dedicated his life to honoring her memory by giving himself over to fulltime work feeding the hungry and the homeless in our city. During his life, Arnold also authored several books available on Amazon.com, and we found a biography on that website that said, "he has been described as 'opinionated but lovable.'" And it follows with this quote by Arnold: "When people care about each other, the world is a beautiful place." The residents of Fort Lauderdale who are submitting this nomination live here because we believe our city is indeed a beautiful place, and it is people like Arnold Abbott who make it not only beautiful visually but also beautiful in its open-heartedness and kindness to those less fortunate. Help us honor him with this Walk of Fame.



**From:** [fortlauderdale@enotify.visioninternet.com](mailto:fortlauderdale@enotify.visioninternet.com)  
**To:** [Sarah Spurlock](#)  
**Subject:** [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame Application  
**Date:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 4:51:33 PM

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A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

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## Survey Details

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Hal G. Barnes, P.E.  
**Address:** 636 NE 17th Terrace  
**City:** Fort Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33304  
**Home Phone:** (954) 465-5470  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 465-5470  
**Email Address:** Hgb1010@gmail.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Hal Barnes - A Retrospective of 25 years of Service

Hal initially served as the Project Engineer and then Engineering Design Manager in the Public Works Department with the City of Fort Lauderdale. Under his guidance in conjunction with the Neighborhood Community Investment Program (NCIP) and neighborhood self-assessments, over \$15 million in community enhancements were created including entranceway signage and monuments, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and traffic calming.

In October 2005, Hal received a Proclamation from the City Commission as a pioneer for support services to neighborhoods desiring to enhance, improve and beautify their communities.

In January 2012, Hal was appointed as the first Neighbor Support Manager under the City Manager's Office to provide outreach and enhanced services to our neighbors. During his leadership, the division has grown

from three staff members to a total of ten coordinating City services, responding to Commission and neighbor-initiated requests while reaching out to our business and neighborhood associations. In addition, the division oversees the Neighbor Volunteer Office, the Education Office, Homeless Initiatives, and priorities set by the City Commission.

Numerous City programs and events have been developed under Hal's tenure including the annual Neighbor Support Night, Neighborhood Recognition Program, Block Party Program, Adopt-a-Neighbor, Adopt-a-Drain, and the nationally recognized Neighbor Leadership Academy. Through his love of the arts, the Lobby Art Gallery program was established allowing local artist to showcase their artistic talents during rotating monthly exhibits held at City Hall.

On a State and National level, Hal has been involved in the Florida Neighborhoods Conference serving on their Board of Directors for over 20 years and with Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) for over 15 years. In November 2006, Hal received a Commendation from the City Commission for his leadership in bringing the 2006 Florida Neighborhoods Conference to Fort Lauderdale with over 900 participants from across the State. The Florida Neighborhoods Conference returned to Fort Lauderdale again in 2011 under his leadership. Since serving on the national NUSA Board of Directors for the past 6 years, he has chaired the Awards committee and most recently the Membership Services committee.

In total the Neighbor Support Division has received over 25 National, State, and local awards recognizing Neighbor Support programs and projects.

After much consideration and 25 years of City service, Hal will be retiring in January 2022 as Neighbor Support Manager. His greatest talent has always been his ability to listen, reason and assist wherever possible.

### **3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

This award would be a recognition of service and dedication outlined in # 2, 4, and supplemental material.

A coworker once told him that his legacy will be that it is impossible to go into any neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale that has not been directly touched and improved by him and his Neighbor Support team. Hal always says that the City's greatest asset is its strong and active neighborhoods and he trust that the friendships and bonds he has created with our neighbors will continue into his retirement.

### **4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Hal Barnes - A Retrospective of 25 years of Service

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Other programs developed include the annual Neighbor Support Night, Neighborhood Recognition Program, Block Party Program, Adopt-a-Neighbor, Adopt-a-Drain, and the nationally recognized Neighbor Leadership Academy. Through his love of the arts, the Lobby Art Gallery program was established allowing local artist to showcase their artistic talents during rotating monthly exhibits held at City Hall.

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**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Jeri Pryor  
**Phone number:** (754) 224-7516  
**Email Address:** jeripryor@gmail.com

**6. Submit background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here. Maximum size per file upload is 5 MB.**

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Thank you,  
**City of Fort Lauderdale, FL**

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## 2022 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov). The deadline for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 31, 2021**.

### Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form – Page 2/2**

1. Please describe the nominee’s accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

**All nominations must be received by December 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Nominations and background materials submitted after Friday, December 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-5085 or email [sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov).

**Mail your submission to:**

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

**E-mail your submission to:**

[sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov)

## 2022 Walk of Fame Nomination – C. A. “Chuck” Black

1. Please describe the nominee’s accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

We nominate C. A. “Chuck” Black (1952 – 2016) (attachment A) for consideration as a 2022 Walk of Fame Honoree at the Great American Beach Party.

This summer a U.S. Navy ship, USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28), will be commissioned at Port Everglades. The Commissioning Ceremony will be the culmination of a multi-year effort Chuck Black spearheaded to convince the Secretary of the Navy to name the *Fort Lauderdale* in recognition of the city’s rich history with our military and the U.S. Navy. Having a namesake ship brings the city long-lasting recognition in the U.S. and abroad.

Chuck Black began his pursuit to have a ship named after Fort Lauderdale in 2010. For the next five plus years Chuck enlisted the support of everyday citizens, military personnel, city and county leaders, businesspeople, and politicians. He was instrumental in gaining an appointment with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus (SECNAV) to make a case on behalf of the city (attachment B). The meeting was at the Pentagon on September 6, 2011; an invitation was extended to Mayor Jack Seiler and citizen Chuck Black in July 2011 by Congressman Allen West (attachment C). As is often the case in Congress, representatives changed in 2012 and Allen West left office. Chuck collaborated with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Congresswoman Lois Frankel to gain support from the 6 South Florida Congressional Representatives with 2 letters of request to SECNAV (attachments D, 2013 & E, 2015). He urged city leadership, and others, to write letters to SECNAV as well (attachment F).

His dogged determination to leave no stone unturned led to the announcement in March 2016 that the City of Fort Lauderdale would be honored with a namesake, an amphibious transport dock ship (attachment G). Without Chuck’s passionate pursuit of his dream for the city, we would not have a USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28).

A few short months after the naming announcement, Chuck Black, who was to be the Commissioning Committee Chair, passed away unexpectedly. On July 11, 2016, at the Fort Lauderdale History Center event on the Naming of the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28), Mayor Jack Seiler named Chuck as the Honorary Chair of the Commissioning Committee.

In 2010, Chuck was the Commissioning Chair of the USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) which brought the Commandant of the Marine Corps, dignitaries of governmental agencies as well as Corporal Jason Dunham’s family to Fort Lauderdale for the commissioning (attachment H). About 7000 attendees gathered at Port Everglades to honor the namesake of the ship and his family. Jason Dunham was a Marine Corps Corporal who sacrificed his life while saving two Marines; Jason was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Chuck coordinated a committee of 50+ citizens who conducted 10 days of celebrations, and community service projects. The Miami Dolphins hosted over 100 plus crew members at a football game. The Miami Heat and the Miami Marlins took part in events with the crew. The celebrations included a reception aboard Royal Caribbean’s *Allure of the Seas* prior to her maiden voyage from Port Everglades. The reception included over 500 dignitaries and sponsors and set a new standard for U.S. Navy commissioning events.

In 2012, Chuck Black served as the Commissioning Chair for the USCGC Richard Etheridge (WPC 1102), also commissioned at Port Everglades. The *Richard Etheridge* was named after the first African American to command a Life Saving Station, the precursor to the U.S. Coast Guard. This commissioning brought the Commandant of the Coast Guard to Fort Lauderdale along with distinguished guests.

Chuck volunteered as a Great American Beach Party (GABP) committee member from its 2010 inception until his passing in July 2016. Among other roles, each year he contacted the SOCOM Para-Commandos Skydivers

## 2022 Walk of Fame Nomination (continued)

who jumped from planes over the beach and landed on their target along Fort Lauderdale Beach shoreline at A1A and Las Olas Boulevard. The crowd-pleasing skydiving event has become a staple of the Great American Beach Party.

In 2011, Chuck Black enlisted the support of Chris Wren, then head of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), to conduct a traffic signal box wrap “test” at Huizenga Plaza to enhance the city’s streets. Upon completion of the test, in 2012 Chuck worked with the DDA to wrap eleven Traffic Signal Utility Boxes in Downtown Fort Lauderdale with historical photos and graphics to beautify the street corners downtown. The box wraps were approved by Broward County as “Art in Public Places.” Chuck worked with the city to expand this program over multiple years. Dozens of traffic signal box wraps revitalized city street corners beyond downtown, enhancing life for residents and tourists. He also coordinated with neighboring cities to expand the Art in Public Places box wrap program to other areas in the county.

Chuck Black’s involvement in youth programs included volunteering with the Sea Cadets (attachments I & J), working with the L.A. Lee Family YMCA, serving on the Board of Florida Children’s Theater (FLCT), and performing as King Henry VIII in a Children’s Theater play. He mentored youth and wrote multiple letters of recommendations for high school students applying to colleges and military, coast guard, and maritime academies.

Chuck Black’s contributions to the Greater Fort Lauderdale community were extensive. While he lived in Fort Lauderdale a short 13 years, he showed his passion for this city through his actions. Chuck was a leader in our community, leading by example. He influenced others to volunteer and serve the community to make a difference, helping to make Fort Lauderdale a great place to live, work, and play.

Chuck’s public service included local and national level leadership positions:

- Founding committee member of city events including the Great American Beach Party, Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, Light Up Sistrunk and the Midtown Summerfest. Contributed “in-kind” sponsorships exceeding \$5,000 and arranged for military sky divers and airplanes for city events
- Sponsor, Winterfest Boat Parade. Contributed “in-kind” sponsorships of approx. \$20,000
- Founding Sponsor, Day of the Dead Parade & Celebration; Contributed “in-kind” sponsorships of approx. \$5,000
- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Sponsorships “in-kind” of approx. \$10,000.
- Board of Directors, National Navy League of the U S. (10 years)
- South Florida Area President, Navy League of the U. S. (3 years)
- President, Fort Lauderdale Council, Navy League of the U. S. (3 years)
- Scholarship Selection Committee, Navy League of the U. S. Foundation
- Steering Committee, Fort Lauderdale Fleet Week
- Commissioning Committee member, USS Bainbridge (DDG 96), USS Spruance (DDG 111) as well as 4 Coast Guard Cutter Commissioning Committees
- Commissioning Committee Chair, USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109)
- Commissioning Committee Chair, USCGC Richard Etheridge (WPC 1102)
- Honorary Chair, USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28)
- Volunteer, Sea Cadet Youth Program
- Board of Directors, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (10 years). Donated interior graphics for Chamber’s renovation project for Project 100 and numerous “in-kind” sponsorships
- Board member, Downtown Council; slated to be incoming Chair of the Downtown Council, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce at his passing

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- Chair, Uptown Council, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Committee member, “Salute to Business” (5 years), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Graduate, Leadership Fort Lauderdale (Class XIII), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Curriculum Development Chair, Leadership Fort Lauderdale (Class XV), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Marine Advisory Board, City of Fort Lauderdale
- District 2 Representative, Council of Civic Associations, City of Fort Lauderdale
- President, Lake Ridge Civic Association (LRCA). Chaired the LRCA Monument Committee
- Advisory Board Member, Mission United, United Way Broward County
- Board of Directors, Florida Children’s Theatre
- Advisory Board, Transportation Management Agency
- Board of Directors, L. A. Lee Family YMCA
- Actor & mentor, productions at Florida Children’s Theater and at Andrews Living Arts Theater in FATVillage

Chuck was recognized for his business acumen and community leadership with the following awards:

- 2008 Small Business of the Year, New Business Category, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 Small Business of the Year, Established Business Category, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 Small Businessperson of the Year, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 Project of the Year, Alliance Franchise Brands and Wide Format Magazine; project completed at Miami Dolphins training facility at Nova Southeastern University
- 2016 Citizen of the Year, City of Fort Lauderdale (attachment K)

### 2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Chuck Black - friend, citizen, volunteer, businessman, patriot - left a wonderful legacy for our city with the naming of a ship USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28). Without Chuck’s continued leadership, Fort Lauderdale would not have a namesake ship. This tribute to Fort Lauderdale’s rich history with the U.S. Navy is an honor all our citizens should embrace. The *Fort Lauderdale* is the twelfth in the San Antonio Class of amphibious transport dock ships. It is 684 feet in length and has a crew of 400 officers and enlisted sailors. When the ship deploys it will transport a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) of 700 marines and all their equipment.

These ships support amphibious assault, special operations, or expeditionary warfare missions and serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious operations. Amphibious Transport Dock ships are also used for humanitarian initiatives such as disaster relief after an earthquake or a tsunami.

In the future USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) will shine a spotlight on Fort Lauderdale whenever it pulls into port in the U.S. or abroad.

USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) will be commissioned this summer at Port Everglades. The Commissioning Committee held its Kick-off meeting in September 2021 when the ship’s Captain and leadership team visited Fort Lauderdale and Port Everglades for the first time. A series of events are planned from January 2022 through July culminating in the Commissioning Ceremony July/August 2022. The Committee, representatives from the ship, employees at Port Everglades and the City of Fort Lauderdale are collaborating to make this celebration one that unifies and energizes residents not just in Fort Lauderdale but across South Florida. The Commissioning

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Ceremony is the act of placing USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) into service. On that day it officially joins the U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet.

Chuck always had a passion for the sea services. He worked with the Navy League of the U.S. in leadership roles to educate the community on the commitment men and women in uniform (and their families) make on behalf of all of us. Chairing the respective Commissioning Committees for USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) and USCGC Richard Etheridge (WPC 1102) are noteworthy. Our city commissioned a Navy ship paying tribute to Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Jason Dunham and his family. We commissioned a Coast Guard cutter in 2012 and honored a man who was born a slave and fought in the Civil War.

Chuck served as a dedicated and active committee member for many city-led initiatives including The Great American Beach Party, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Military Appreciation Day, Light Up Sistrunk, and Summerfest. He gave both his time and "in-kind" contributions to these events.

He made contributions to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Board of Directors and committees such as "Salute to Business," Government Affairs, and the Downtown Council. He was a past Curriculum Development Chair for the Leadership Fort Lauderdale Program.

The traffic signal box wrap project he developed with the Downtown Development Authority has spread throughout South Florida, beautifying Fort Lauderdale and neighboring communities. The program is part of Broward County's "Art in Public Places." This innovative project "dresses up" a mundane silver box on the corner fostering the community's artistic spirit.

Through his involvement with the Florida Children's Theater and the Sea Cadet Program, Chuck demonstrated his passion for mentoring youth. He helped high school students navigate their way to higher education by writing letters of recommendation to colleges and military academies.

### 3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Chuck Black was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was from a broken home and did not receive much guidance or direction as a child. In his early 20's, thanks to the mentoring from Chuck's "adopted" dad, he embraced a strong set of core values. This "father figure" encouraged Chuck to join the armed services to further his education, his "sense of self," and to help build strong character traits. Chuck Black enlisted in the U.S. Navy, completed a 20-year career with distinction, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. During his Naval career, and for the rest of his life, Chuck embraced the U.S. Navy's core values - Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Those 3 words became his guiding principles. His U.S. Navy awards included two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, and various campaign, unit, and service awards. He was selected as "Sailor of the Year" from two different commands. He served on 5 different types of ships and was appointed to be one of three Navy Recruiters in Europe, living in Frankfurt, Germany while covering thirteen countries and 55 DOD high schools (attachment L).

Chuck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and a Diploma in Acting from the National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, Washington, DC. He performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and in New York, Annapolis, and Fort Lauderdale. He was an actor, clown, stilt walker, fire eater, and balloon sculptor.

Chuck Black was CEO/Owner of Image360 Fort Lauderdale, a graphics, signage and displays company in the FATVillage Arts District. Chuck was a yacht broker for 10 years in Annapolis, Maryland prior to moving to Fort Lauderdale in 2003. (attachment M)

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Chuck passed away unexpectedly July 11, 2016. His passing was a major loss to our community; the community grieved along with his family (attachments N & O). He is survived by his spouse of 21 years, Lynn Elsasser who currently serves on the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) Commissioning Committee. He is also survived by son, Jonathan, daughter-in-law Chan, and “the apple of his eye” grandson Andrew. Chuck Black is interred in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Chuck Black’s positive attitude and optimism were infectious. He was a clown at heart; his lifetime heroes were Emmet Kelley and Charlie Chaplain. In closing,

‘Imagination means nothing without doing.’ – Charlie Chaplain

### Attachments: [View Attachments](#)

- A. *Sun Sentinel* Chuck Black Obituary, July 12, 2016
- B. Presentation to SECNAV, September 6, 2011 – researched and written by Chuck Black. Meeting included Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, Congressman Allen West, Mayor Jack Seiler, and Citizen Chuck Black (U.S. Navy retired) & Attachment “Ship Commissioning Locations”
- C. Congressman Allen West letter, July 11, 2011 – invitation to meeting with SECNAV
- D. October 23, 2013, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz letter to SECNAV (signed by South Florida Congressmen and women)
- E. September 16, 2015, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz letter to SECNAV (signed by South Florida Congressmen and women)
- F. C Black Email to Seiler and Feldman requesting they write SECNAV, September 4, 2015
- G. Press Release, March 9, 2016 – “United States Navy to Designate USS FORT LAUDERDALE (LPD 28) as Amphibious Transport Dock Ship”
- H. Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Proclamation, November 29, 2010, recognizing C Black leadership in Commissioning the *Jason Dunham*
- I. LCDR Alan Starr, USNSCC letter of appreciation, June 4, 2004
- J. LCDR Alan Starr, USNSCC donation thank you, March 21, 2009
- K. 2016 Citizen of the Year letter, City of Fort Lauderdale, August 1, 2016
- L. *Navy Recruiter* Magazine Jan. Feb. 2015 - “Local Fort Lauderdale Businessman Credits Time as Navy Recruiter for his Success”
- M. Chuck Black - Graphical Bio
- N. Trent Gibson, USMC Lieutenant Colonel, retired, tribute to Chuck, July 12, 2016
- O. John Vargo, NLUS Florida Region President, tribute to Chuck, July 12, 2016

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**Name of Nominated Honoree:** JERRY TAYLOR & NANCY BRYANT  
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#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Jerry Taylor and Nancy Bryant are strong supporters of the arts and education in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County. They focus their education giving on science, technology, engineering and math. Some examples of their charitable giving include:

NSU Museum of Art-\$1.6M (November 2020)  
Fort Lauderdale Independence Training & Education Center (FLITE)-\$50,000 (August 2010)  
Broward College Emil Buehle Aviation Institute-\$1.9M (March 2018)  
Community Foundation of Broward-\$1.0M (March 2021)

Jerry & Nancy were also avid boaters in Fort Lauderdale and frequently purchased & transported boxes of school supplies on their personal boat to less fortunate schools in the Bahamas.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

The Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation, a private, not-for-profit philanthropic organization, was established in 1998 by Jerry Taylor and his wife, Nancy Bryant. The Foundation is family managed and believes firmly in the importance of education and the arts. Since its inception, the Foundation has made grants to more than 80 non-profit organizations providing scholarships and supporting programs in the arts and education, as well as giving social services grants for foster kids and elder care. The Foundation's primary focus is on the profound and widening excellence gap through elementary and secondary school in arts and education, particularly in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

From NSU Art Museum Press Release:

Nancy, with more than 20 years of experience in association management, has a business degree from Austin College and was executive director of The Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. She served as chair of the Washington Committee on the Arts at the JFK Center for the Performing Arts. Jerry, a graduate of San Francisco State University with a degree in physics, spent his career in avionics and telecommunications. He is a United States Air Force veteran & former CEO of MCI Communications Corp.

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Julia Costin  
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**City:** COLORADO SPRINGS  
**State:** Colorado  
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#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Julia currently serves as the Romania Chairwoman for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International (GFLSCI). Julia was instrumental in signing a new sister city with Constanta Romania in 2019. She led all the negotiations between the Romanian party and GFLSCI to successfully sign the sister city agreement. Additionally, for the past 5 years organized two in-bound delegations of Romanian dignitaries and business representatives to visit Fort Lauderdale and participate in the Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo ( FITCE). She's a great contributor to our community and developed amazing programs not only to maintain a successful bilateral relationship with Romania but also to engage the Romanian community living in South Florida.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Julia was instrumental in forging the GFLSCI Sister Cities Relationship between Fort Lauderdale and Constanta Romania which was celebrated with the visit of the Delegation from Constanta led by Vice Mayor Costin Rasauteanu, support from the Romanian Consul General Catalin Ghenea in Miami and hosted by

Mayor Dean Trantalis and Chris Lagerbloom at City Hall

In 2021 Julia has been recognized as "Top 100 Romanians Everywhere" for her contribution to education as well as the initiatives she leads to strengthening bilateral ties between Romania and the US - <https://csworldaffairs.org/news/posts/cswac-board-secretary-receives>.

In 2020 Julia organized and hosted the International Women's day event at the Romanian Consulate in Miami to support and honor the work and contribution of immigrant women to our community. Also, she organized virtual programs to engage our sister cities (Medellin and Gold Coast ) during Covid19.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Julia currently serves as the Romania Chairwoman for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International (GFLSCI). She is an expert in economic and workforce development, emphasizing the importance of creating synergies between businesses, local administration, and civil society. Julia played a critical part in securing a \$6 million US Department of Labor (DOL) grant to expand registered apprenticeship opportunities in cybersecurity. In 2021, Julia Costin has been recognized as "Top 100 Romanians Everywhere" for her contribution to education as well as the initiatives she leads to strengthening bilateral ties between Romania and the US.

Julia is passionate about women empowerment, diversity inclusion, and veteran employment. She established ISACA South Florida's "SheLeadsTech" initiative to help increase women in technology leadership roles.

To increase the collaboration between diverse groups, Julia has organized and hosted an annual cybersecurity delegation to the European Union (EU) agencies including EU Parliament, EU Commission, NATO, European Data Supervisory Agency, European Economic and Social Committee, and the European Space Agency. In 2021

Julia has earned an MBA in Entrepreneurship and a Bachelor of Business Administration. She is fluent in Romanian, English, and Spanish.

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

<b>Name of Nominated Honoree:</b>	James A. Dallas, Sr.
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#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

I am nominating Fort Lauderdale Pioneer James A. Dallas, Sr. for the 2022 Walk of Fame. James A. Dallas, Sr. was a pioneer of the 1940s and 1950s in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He was a visionary, educator, and community leader breaking racial barriers through music and business. He was often called "Jimmie Dallas" by his friends and patrons as he operated Odells Lounge and Grill and the Big Savoy. In particular, he was responsible for bringing many legendary performers to the City of Fort Lauderdale such as Lionel Hampton, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Dinah Washington, Charlie Brantly, and B.B. King. Outside of operating several businesses in Fort Lauderdale, James Dallas, Sr. rooted himself in the community and was well known in part for his altruistic behavior and good humor. He was willing to help people and encourage others to make a mark for themselves in society and therefore he developed a wide circle of friends. In fact, he offered refuge to legal scholar T.J. Reddick, who at one time had no place to call home. Along with this, he bought T.J. Reddick his first suit when Reddick was still a budding lawyer. Eventually, Reddick would go on to become the first African American magistrate in Broward County, FL. Not only did James Dallas, Sr. play an instrumental role in the life and career of T.J. Reddick, but also Dr. C.H. Shirley. James Dallas, Sr. talked to his college friend Dr. Shirley and convinced him to get off the train in Fort Lauderdale, FL instead of heading south to Key West, FL. Afterward, Dr. Shirley would become one of the most prominent black physicians in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Notably, James Dallas, Sr. played an important role in helping

jumpstart the career of another trailblazer, former United States Representative Alcee Hastings (D-FL). As former Congressman Alcee Hastings once publicly stated, "It was Jimmie Dallas, who gave him his first one hundred dollar bill because he did not have any money." Even though James Dallas, Sr. grew up poor himself as a kid, he still sought to exhibit kindness and was willing to share the few extra dollars he had earned. During the late stages of his life, James Dallas, Sr. became an educator within the Broward County school system and with this opportunity, he taught English and History. In his spare time, Mr. Dallas found a new passion in tutoring and in volunteering at youth oratorical contests in order to encourage students who desperately needed to be inspired. James Dallas, Sr. truly enjoyed interacting with people and was more than willing to encourage others. For this reason, James Dallas, Sr. was recognized and received a Pioneer Award from Broward County, FL under the leadership of Mayor Lori Nance Parrish. In addition to this, he was also recognized by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Old Dillard Museum for his numerous community contributions. In 2007, the City of Fort Lauderdale recognized James Dallas in re-naming both NW 2nd Street and NE 2nd Street as "James A. Dallas, Sr. Street" in his honor. James Dallas, Sr. has been honored with several articles that have been featured in both the Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald newspapers. Not to mention, James Dallas, Sr. has received a Wikipedia listing for his positive contributions to society and for acting as a leader within his community. Taking all of this into account, James A. Dallas, Sr. deserves to be selected for the 2022 Walk of Fame Award.

### **3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

James A. Dallas, Sr. is deserving of this award for his excellence in supporting his community through education, music, and his ability to help break racial barriers in the 1940s and 1950s Fort Lauderdale, FL. James Dallas, Sr. was born a leader and possessed multiple talents that allowed him to excel at many tasks set before him and allowed him to behave in a thoughtful manner within his community. For further reference, James Dallas, Sr. served as a founding member and as a former polemarch for the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Moreover, he served as the Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club Lodge #652. During his lifetime, he fought for social justice and for equal opportunity through his involvement in the local Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the NAACP. To illustrate, James Dallas, Sr. would visit civil rights activist Eula Johnson at her home to discuss various ways to improve race relations. As James Dallas, Sr. contributed to the excellence within his community, he also sought to highlight the shared contribution that black people and white people had made towards the rich history of arts and culture in the City of Fort Lauderdale. In fact, Fort Lauderdale music promoter and restaurateur Leonce Picot was a good friend of James Dallas and they often conducted business together as music promoters. In 1952, Picot and Dallas put together the first jazz concert at the War Memorial Auditorium under a touring revue called "Jazz at the Philharmonic" that featured acts such as jazz drummer Buddy Rich and Canadian jazz pianist Oscar Peterson. As a music promoter and businessman, James Dallas, Sr. managed to have legendary music performers like Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Dinah Washington, Charlie Brantly, Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton, and B.B. King come visit Fort Lauderdale to entertain the locals and visitors. Indeed, James Dallas, Sr. contributed to the fabric of Fort Lauderdale and he inspired others to do so as well.

### **4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Biography of James A. Dallas, Sr.

Born: December 19, 1917 - Died April 9, 2004

James Albert Dallas, Sr. was born on December 19, 1917, in Monticello, Florida. His parents were Albert and Florida Dallas. As a child, James was loved by everyone and was affectionately known as "Bubba" by family members. While both of his parents died by the time he was 12, he was fortunate enough to have an older sister named Phoebe who raised him. At an early age, James Dallas, Sr. learned how to play the trombone and music became his window to the world. Some additional early influences in his life were his experiences as a delivery and stock worker at Tampa's Palace Pharmacy. Between the ages of 13-17, he interacted with many people as he would make deliveries to the homes of local business professionals in Tampa. During this time, James Dallas, Sr. decided that he wanted to attend college. Later on, James Dallas, Sr. attended Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida on a music scholarship and while there played trombone in the marching band, concert band, and jazz band. After graduating from college, James Dallas, Sr. entered the School of Pharmacy at Howard University in Washington, D.C and just ten days later he was drafted into the United States Army to serve in World War II. After serving four years in the Army, James Dallas, Sr. returned to Florida, where he settled with his family and eventually became a fixture within the community. James Dallas, Sr. married Margie Sweet and from this union, they had three children Ronald Dallas (Attorney), Dr. James Dallas, II (Physical Therapist), and Dr. Michele Dallas (Dentist). In short, James Dallas Sr. will forever be loved and remembered within his community for making a difference and for giving back to those in need.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

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#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

A Fort Lauderdale native, graduate of Florida State University, and competitive swimmer who trained at the Hall of Fame, Lisa Scott-Founds has proudly served as the President and CEO of Winterfest Inc. and the Winterfest Boat Parade for the past 26 years.

The Parade, celebrating its 50th year in 2021, has grown into an internationally recognized event and The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade has earned the title 'The World's Most Watched Boat Parade'. With over a million cheering spectators along the 12-mile parade route on the IntraCoastal Waterway, the Parade has become not only the largest one-day live audience of any event in Florida, but also the seventh largest one-day spectator event in the country! Lisa is very proud that this Fort Lauderdale holiday tradition not only contributes to the aesthetic, cultural, and tourist development of the area, but it also makes an important economic impact of over \$50 million per year on the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Lisa enjoys her community and charity involvement to include serving on eight Boards and a proud member of over ten community clubs, foundations, and marine related associations. She has been recognized during her career with many notable distinctions to include the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2011 Centennial Citizen

of the Year. Lisa was proudly appointed by The State of Florida's Governor DeSantis to the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council in December 2020.

### **3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Lisa's love for Winterfest developed when she watched every parade from early childhood. She is committed to creating a quality, high profile free event for the community that brings family and friends together.

Lisa enjoys her community and charity involvement. She has served on the Boards of the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, Symphony of the Americas, Fifth Third Bank, PINION (for Special Olympics), Marine Industry Cares Foundation and is the Past-President of Beaux Arts. She is a member of Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale Women's Club, Junior Achievement Circle of Wise Women, Leadership Broward Foundation, Leadership Florida Foundation, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Beaux Arts Associates, Broward Women's Alliance and a variety of Marine related associations.

Lisa's notable distinctions include the Fort Lauderdale Chamber Circle of Excellence Award, March of Dimes Woman of Distinction, Symphony of the Americas Woman of Style and Substance, Cystic Fibrosis Fort Lauderdale's Finest, amongst others from In Focus Magazine and the Hispanic Chamber. Lisa sat on the Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory and was involved on the Centennial Board. She was named the 2011 Broward College Distinguished Alumnae and City of Fort Lauderdale's 2011 Centennial Citizen of the Year. She is a recipient of the 2013 Profiles in Leadership Award by the Leadership Broward Foundation, 2014 Historical Society Founders Award and named the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Tribute Honoree in 2014. In 2017, Lisa was honored by the South Florida Business Journal as one of "The 25 Most Influential Business Women in South Florida" and, most recently, in November 2021 honored with the 'Apogee Award' by the South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine. In November 2020, she was elected to serve as a Board Member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. In December 2020, Lisa was appointed by The State of Florida's Governor DeSantis to the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council. She is truly a leader who loves her community and strives to serve it every day.

It would be wonderful and very appropriate that her passion and years of dedication to and for the Fort Lauderdale community be permanently celebrated as the 2022 Walk Of Fame Honoree!!

### **4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

RESUME

LISA SCOTT-FOUND

1919 SW 24th Terrace (954) 792-0717

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 lisa@winterfestparade.com

SUMMARY

I am a high energy, self motivated executive. Over the past 27 years with Winterfest, I have guided the event to its current standing as "The World's Most Watched Boat Parade." The Parade is the seventh largest one-day live spectator event in the country, listed in Reader's Digest as one of America's 100 Best, the largest one-day spectator event in Florida and it has been named one of the 20th Best Parades in the World (out of over 50,000) by the International Festival and Events Association and the USA Today. As director of a not-for-profit organization, I have attracted and closed such significant sponsors as Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Nokia, Verizon, Coca-Cola, Ralston Purina, Nestle, Sprint, Robert Mondavi Wines, Southwest Airlines, Sara Lee, Publix Supermarkets and many more. Having both creative and analytical

balance, I readily operate from the 'big picture.' As a previous owner/operator of two companies, I have strength in the disciplines of day-to-day profitable operations. I revel in challenge and enthusiastically approach those challenges every day.

#### JOB EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT/CEO March 2006 - present

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR April 1996-March 2006

The Winterfest Celebration, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Producer of The Winterfest Boat Parade ("The World's Most Watched Boat Parade"), Black Tie Ball, Golf Tournament, Intracoastal Decorating Competition and other Winterfest events. Duties include budget preparation, parade production, national talent negotiation, television syndication and production coordination, sponsorship sales, communications, and supervision of employees and over 350 volunteers. Primary spokesperson and oversee the corporate relationship with our advertising and public relations firms.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER July 1995-April 1996

The Winterfest Celebration, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Responsible for acquiring and maintaining major corporate sponsors. Organized promotion and publicity efforts for all annual events related to the Winterfest Celebration. Assisted in the coordination of the Boat Parade television show and facilitate many of the event arrangements and staffing.

DIRECTOR OF ADVERTISING March 1994 - July 1995

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Coordinated and directed all phases of account activity, including sales, production and media. Responsible for implementation and design of first Official Visitor's Welcome Center, Official Tourism Map and other innovative programs new to the Chamber. Staff liaison with government, hospitality industry and media representatives.

PRESIDENT & OWNER August 1991 - January 1994

Haagen Dazs Ice Cream Store, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Responsible for all aspects of management and operations, including advertising, purchasing, personnel and accounting of ice cream store with \$250,000 annual gross sales.

PRESIDENT & OWNER August 1989-June 1993

Lauderdale Canvas, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Responsible for overall management and operations. Established and maintained accounts throughout South Florida for the sale of marine services and products.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR February 1986-April 1989

Global Foundation, Inc. Coral Gables, Florida

Global Foundation, Inc., was a scientific organization headed by physicist Dr. B. Kursunoglu, founder of the Center for Theoretical Studies at the University of Miami and a contemporary of Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer. As Public Relations Director for Global: organized and participated in international conferences on world issues. Responsibilities included liaison with dignitaries and institutional benefactors, writing and delivering speeches, preparation of promotional and educational materials for international distribution, and all media relations. Participated in several radio and television interviews. Attended and organized several White House functions and a conference in Moscow.

#### DISTINCTIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine '2021 Apogee Award'  
Gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Film & Entertainment Advisory Council 2020 -  
International Swimming Hall of Fame Board Member, 2020-  
International Swimming Hall of Fame Steering Committee, 2018 - 2020  
Broward Education Foundation 2017 Hall of Fame Award Recipient  
South Florida Business Journal "2017 Top 25 Most Influential Business Women in South Florida"  
Fifth Third Bank Florida Board of Directors, 2015 to present  
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, 2014 Tribute Honoree  
Leadership Broward Foundation, 2013 Profiles in Leadership Award  
Leadership Florida Foundation Gold Coast Regional Council, 2013 - present  
Symphony of the Americas Board Member and Luncheon co-chair, 2013 - present  
Junior Achievement Circle of Wise Women, 2013 - present  
Broward College Hall of Distinction Committee, 2012  
Junior Achievement Uncorked Committee, 2012 to 2013  
Riverwalk Trust Board Member, 2011/2012  
Marine Industry Cares Board of Directors, 2011/2013  
City of Fort Lauderdale 2011 Centennial Citizen of the Year  
American Cancer Society 1000 Plus Club, Woman of the Year, 2011  
Broward College, 2010 Distinguished Alumnae Recipient  
Miss Florida USA, Judge, 2005 and 2010  
Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale Board of Directors, 2009 - 2018  
Woman of Style and Substance, Symphony of the Americas, 2009  
City of Fort Lauderdale Centennial Board, appointed 2009  
March of Dimes, Woman of Distinction, 2008  
Florida Festival and Events Association Seminar Presenter, 2008  
City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board, appointed 2008 to 2013  
Valley Bank Board of Directors, appointed 2008 -2014  
Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trustees 2007 to 2009  
Circle of Excellence Award, Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 2007  
Fort Lauderdale Art Institute Commencement Address Keynote Speaker, 2007  
Women's Way (United Way) Annual Luncheon Co-chair 2006 to 2009  
Fort Lauderdale's Finest Couple, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2006  
In Focus Magazine Women's Power Caucus, Quiet Storm Award for Business and Entrepreneurship, 2005  
Star Award, Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2005  
Woman of the Year, Ms. Latina International, 2004  
The Herald Silver Knight Awards Judge, 2004  
Beaux Arts, President, 2004/2005  
Ms. Latina International Judge, 2004  
Beaux Arts, (Fundraising arm for the Museum of Art/Fort Lauderdale) First Vice President 2003 to 2004  
Leadership Broward, Fun Lunch Co-chairperson, 2003  
SPARK Board of Directors (Fundraising arm for the Museum of Discovery and Science), 2001 to 2004  
PINION Board of Directors, (Fundraising arm for Special Olympics), 1999 - 2019  
Winner/ Public Relations category, South Florida Business Journal/Maroon Tri-County Up & Comers, 2002  
Olympic Torch Committee, City of Fort Lauderdale, 2001  
Promenade in the Park Co-chairperson, 2001  
Museum of Discovery and Science Gala Co-chairperson, 2001  
Nova Southeastern University Ambassador USA Mentor, 1999 to 2001  
Mayor's Millennium Committee, City of Fort Lauderdale, 1999  
Greater Fort Lauderdale's Finest Honoree, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1997

Whitbread Committee, 1998  
International Association of Business Communicators Treasurer, 1996 to 2000  
South Florida Business Journal/Price Waterhouse Up & Comers Finalist, 1996

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Broward Women's Alliance, 2013 to present  
Leadership Florida Foundation (Class XXX), 2011 to present  
Fort Lauderdale Mariner's Club, 2011 to present  
United States Superyacht Association, 2011 to present  
Florida Yacht Brokers Association, 2011 to present  
Fort Lauderdale Women's Club, 2008 to present  
Women's Way (United Way) steering committee, 2004 to 2009  
A Child Is Missing Women's Auxiliary, 2004 to 2006  
The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, 2001 to present  
Sister Cities International, 2001 to 2010  
Beaux Arts, (Fundraising arm for the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art), 1998 to present  
Leadership Broward Foundation (Class XVI), 1997 - present  
Broward Navy Days Honorary Member, 1996 to present  
International Festival and Events Association, 1996 to present  
Florida Festival and Events Association, 1995 to present  
Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, 1990 - 1996  
Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 1989 to present  
Marine Industries Association of South Florida, 1989 to present

#### EDUCATION

Florida State University - Bachelor of Science, Communications 1985  
Broward College - Associates Degree, 1983

#### 5. This nomination was submitted by:

**Name:** David Founds  
**Phone number:** (954) 326-1954  
**Email Address:** dfounds1@yahoo.com

#### 6. Submit background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here. Maximum size per file upload is 5 MB.

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Victoria Franklin  
**Address:** 341 Nw 45th terrace  
**City:** Plantation  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33316  
**Home Phone:** (954) 549-5219  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 549-5219  
**Email Address:** [Victoriagracefranklin@gmail.com](mailto:Victoriagracefranklin@gmail.com)

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Victoria is a go getter and at the age of only 27 she thrives on providing a platform to business and artists in Broward a county. She is currently an event manager for Mass District where she works exclusively with all vendors (business, arts and food) to help make sure they have a successful experience at the monthly FTL Artwalk's.

Victoria originally reached out to volunteer but is now apart of the MASS district team where she is able to continue contribute to the community that raised her.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Victoria prides herself in helping others she started her own business at 19 where she helped provide tools to other entrepreneurs trying to start their own business, Victoria is the change you wish to see and I'm so excited to continue to watch her excel.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Victoria was raised in Plantation, graduated from South Plantation and spent some years at Broward College. She has her own full time business where she provides management help to small businesses and also assists with monthly events like Fort Lauderdale Art walk.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Alicia Arch  
**Phone number:** (954) 404-3057  
**Email Address:** Aliciaarch@gmail.com

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Joel Karl Gustafson  
**Address:** 2500 E. Las Olas Blvd., #409  
**City:** Fort Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33301  
**Home Phone:** (954) 249-7215  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 249-7215  
**Email Address:** [staceyparkinson@comcast.net](mailto:staceyparkinson@comcast.net)

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

In 1963, Joel moved his young family to Fort Lauderdale to begin his career in law. He was just 26, and he and his wife, Judy, moved with their two baby girls to a future of promise and accomplishment. Joel was an instant hit with the City of Fort Lauderdale, acting as an Assistant City Prosecutor and part-time Municipal Judge. His popularity in the legal community led him to a seat in the Florida House of Representatives where he served three terms. He brought our City positive recognition with his service as Minority Whip (Republican), an Outstanding Member Award, and a Second Session Member Showing Greatest Development Award. Because of his interest in highway safety and traffic control, he sponsored the largest bill ever passed on Florida's traffic control laws in 1972. This monumental achievement led to a plum appointment by President Nixon to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's National Highway Safety Advisory Committee, bringing national recognition to our City as the only member of this prestigious committee ever to hail from Fort Lauderdale.

Joel brought further recognition to the City with his lengthy 26-year service on the Florida Commission on Ethics, a commission which oversees behavioral and financial ethics of all Florida elected officials. He was tapped for service by four Florida Democratic and Republican Governors Bob Graham, Lawton Chiles, Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist, because of his ability to work across the aisle, his honesty, trustworthiness, and appreciation for fair play. Joel was a born diplomat for his City, County, and State. He knew the importance of complimenting the opposition, and never underestimated the ideas or intelligence of the participants.

Civic service aside, Joel contributed enormously to the quality of life of our citizens. He worked with Broward County and Fort Lauderdale as a pro bono attorney to develop the Cooperative Feeding Program's kitchen on Broward Boulevard, which was named in his honor. He proudly served on the board of the Henderson Mental Health Center, one of his charities of choice for his remembrance, as well as a Governor's appointee to the North Broward Hospital District, our City and County's general hospitals, where he served the community for 6 years as both Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board from 2010-2016. He is the past chairman and board member of Broward Alliance, an organization responsible for attracting new business to the Greater Fort Lauderdale area. He was a member of the board of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Liberal Arts Advisory Board of FAU. Joel has provided hundreds of pro bono hours to Women in Distress, Broward's emergency shelter for battered women. He handled the zoning work of the new headquarters which has served thousands of women and children over the years.

Joel was an accomplished athlete in high school and college. He expanded his love of sports to his children and grandchildren by attending most every one of their practices and games. He encouraged the physical and competitive attributes of sports to them and their team members. Joel enjoyed a commendable human-interest article in the Broward Health magazine for his decades of hosting "The Christmas Classic," at Holiday Park on Christmas Day. He and his three brothers began the flag football game in Connecticut more than 50 years ago. The Fort Lauderdale game morphed to include more than 20 friends and family wearing red and green tee shirts. In Joel's honor and in appreciation of the years of fun and comradery, the traditional game was held on Christmas Day, 2021, as Joel would've wanted.

A true diplomat to our community, Joel served on the board of the annual Orange Bowl Committee, co-chaired the host committee of two (2) Super Bowls, a Breeder's Cup, and the Whitbread Race of around-the-world sailing, which designated Fort Lauderdale as a landing port, as well as the popular Air & Sea Show. Joel was delighted to play a role in promoting all the spectacular events our exciting community offered.

Joel was the founding partner in the firm Gustafson, Stephens, Ferris, Forman & Hall in Fort Lauderdale. In his successful land use practice, he assisted developers in helping to make Fort Lauderdale and Broward County a desirable place to live and work. He began his interest in land use as the attorney for the Fort Lauderdale Planning & Zoning Board, as well as the attorney for the Board of Adjustment, in the late 1960's. During his service in the Florida Legislature, he sponsored the bill and lobbied for a successful passage for the current platting laws in Florida, which remain in effect today. With his legal leadership and advice, he assisted his clients in developing DCOTA, Indian Trace, Embassy Lakes, and Jacaranda, one of the first Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) to be approved by the State of Florida. He enhanced our community by obtaining approvals for clients to advance such impressive developments as Bonaventure, Holiday Springs/Carolina Club, Turtle Run, and Pine Island Ridge. Attractive and functional structures like The 110 Tower Office Complex, Broward Financial Centre, Embassy Suites Hotel, and the 17th Street Marina & Hotel, are just a few of his achievements.

Joel was nominated and honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National

Association of Industrial and Office Properties. His nomination included these words:  
"Mr. Gustafson has sustained a vital presence in the South Florida real estate community for three decades. He is so intrinsically involved in the strata of life in Broward County that it would be difficult to find a real estate development or local organization in which Mr. Gustafson has not been involved in some way. He has positively affected the fabric of the economy and the heart of his community and made a difference in the lives of so many."

Joel's firm was merged into the prestigious international firm of Holland & Knight, LLP in 2000, where Joel enjoyed the status of senior partner in the area of administrative, governmental, and land use law. Joel mentored many young athletes and students. Often, he mapped out plans for additional education, or coached them in their sports and studies. He even encouraged his long-time legislative aide into law school, and thereafter she became a respected member of the judiciary of the 17th Judicial Circuit. She called upon him to give her investiture speech, which he gave with humor and humility.

**3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Joel's unexpected passing in August, 2021, saddened both the legal and charitable community in Fort Lauderdale. Inside the hearts of his family and friends, feelings of security, optimism, and enthusiasm dwindled. He was their patriarch and their example of goodness and good cheer. Joel donated his time, limitless energy, talents, and generosity to this Community and to his family for six decades. Although he cannot be with us to enjoy this award, Joel's proud family, friends, and colleagues will appreciate a commemorative paver to represent Joel's contributions to the City and community—contributions impossible to repeat in our ever-changing hometown.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Joel Karl Gustafson (May 24, 1937-August 31, 2021)

Please see attached biography, resume, and background information.

Should you require further information, please contact daughter, Stacey Parkinson at (954)249-7215 or [staceyparkinson@comcast.net](mailto:staceyparkinson@comcast.net).

Thank you for your consideration.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Stacey Parkinson  
**Phone number:** (954) 249-7215  
**Email Address:** [staceyparkinson@comcast.net](mailto:staceyparkinson@comcast.net)

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Mary Jackson  
**Address:** 1209 NE 17 Way  
**City:** Fort Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33304  
**Home Phone:** (954) 561-4844  
**Work Phone:** (954) 561-4844  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 328-4946  
**Email Address:** maryj@aquachamps.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Please see Biography that is attached

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Please see Biography that is attached

#### 4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Please see Biography that is attached

Mary K. Jackson  
954-561-4844 (work)  
maryj@aquachamps.com

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Daniel Vawter  
**Phone number:** (954) 599-4686  
**Email Address:** danv@aquachamps.com

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[Mary Jackson Biography.pdf](#)

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Dr. William [Bill] Kent  
**Address:** Le Club International 2845 NE 9th St., Apt 1501  
**City:** Ft. Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33304  
**Home Phone:** (954) 673-2058  
**Work Phone:** (954) 489-7500  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 673-2058  
**Email Address:** dbk@teamhorner.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Also, See Additional Information Attached:

Dr. Bill Kent's vision of creating Fort Lauderdale a wonderful place to live, work and play started back in 1972, when he took a small 3-person team in a warehouse in Fort Lauderdale to an over 570-member Team. Horner Equipment, now called Team Horner, started as a local swimming pool supply distributor, and over the years through Bill's business acumen he searched and negotiated acquisitions and business line expansions to benefit the Team. His commitment to Fort Lauderdale didn't stop with his employees. He has been involved with the International Swimming Hall of Fame since 1988 and through the years has been instrumental in the promotion of the venue throughout the world, celebrating its history of aquatics, promoting swimming as an essential life-skill, and developing educational programs and events related to water sports. Bill's passion to provide a safe and positive outlook for youth has driven him to work with the Florida State Legislature and in 2021 have a bill passed for Every Child a Swimmer – making education and scholarship opportunities available for all children in Florida. exemplify the Team's mission statement of "Working Together...Growing Together...Winning Together

**3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Also, See Additional Information Attached:

Some might think Dr. Bill Kent's greatest legacy is the gift to the Team Horner Teammates of transferring ownership through an ESOP in 2015, in reality, it is the invaluable Team Culture he has lived and cultivated through the past 48 years and continues to pass on every day to his Team. It is his passion for this Team Culture that convinced him the transferring of ownership to the Team was the clear and only plausible prudent long-term plan for the company. He has always believed Teammates should have a shared fate in the profitability of the Team. At Team Horner this is evident through the company which includes a discretionary Profit-Sharing Bonus, 401k Match, and Profit-Sharing Contribution. This Team Culture of shared fate and working together for the greater good of not only the Team but also the community is something he wants to continue on even with the transfer of the Team's ownership.

To this end, Bill has created a charitable foundation which is being funded by the proceeds of the ESOP sale and intends to donate the entirety of those proceeds to charitable works. The Bill Kent Family Foundation has provided financial support to over 40 different charities.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Please see Dr. Kent's biography and CV Attached

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Michael Dooley  
**Phone number:** (954) 958-2571  
**Email Address:** mdooley@teamhorner.com

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[3 - Father Kelly letter.pdf](#)

[3 - Dr. Art Keiser Keiser University.pdf](#)

[3 - Brent Rutemiller ISHOF.pdf](#)

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## 2022 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov). The deadline for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 31, 2021**.

### Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form – Page 2/2**

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2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Angine Moss- Kenon  
**Address:** 5544 Pembroke Road  
**City:** West Park  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33023  
**Home Phone:** (954) 687-4414  
**Work Phone:** (954) 300-1370  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 687-4414  
**Email Address:** [hosanna4youth@gmail.com](mailto:hosanna4youth@gmail.com)

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Angine Moss-Kenon is the founder of a not-for-profit organization Hosanna Corporation. Hosanna Corporation was designed to make a positive impact on the lives of young people who are considered "at risk" through programs geared towards health, wellness, and personal development. Their goal is to change lives, reunite families, and rebuild communities.

Hosanna4Youth is program under Hosanna Inc. that raise awareness about incest, molestation and rape. Hosanna Corporation provides programs to help the community. The program consist of EXPOSED The Conversation, Survivor Stroll, T.O.U.C.H.E.D. (women support group), H.U.G.S. LGBTG+ youth support group and Maximized Fitness. These programs are created to connect and support the diversity and those affected within our communities. Hosanna Corporation has made an impact and touched so many lives of individuals within the surrounding communities, across the state of Florida and several states within the United States.

**3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Mrs. Angine Moss- Kenon is a voice for the voiceless. She is a survivor of rape and molestation so she is able to make a connection with individuals and families who has been affected by molestation, incest and rape. Her boldness and transparency allows her to free share her story with those who she come in contact with. She makes Hosanna Corporation her number one priority. She Her dedication to assist individuals with healing and coping is her super power. She have volunteers, network, and collaborate with other organization to spread awareness on various topics that is prevalent within our communities, such as human trafficking, mental health, drunk driving, HIV/ AIDS, COVID-19, LGBTQ+, etc.

Angine Moss- Kenon desires for individuals who are impacted or affected by incest, molestation, or rape to receive the necessary help to heal and lives a effective life. In addition, she wants them to love themselves, live in their truth and not be afraid or ashamed of what they have been through. She is an advocate and support all individual regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. She emphasizes for everyone to SPEAK UP and LIVE IN YOUR TRUTH!

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Angine Moss is a female entrepreneur in the Broward County. She is the owner of ACM Group Inc. and founder of a not-for-profit organization Hosanna Corporation. She was raised in the city of Carver Ranches, now known as West Park, FL. She has 2 children and 2 grandchildren. She is loved and admire by everyone she comes in contact with. Her smile is contagions and can brighten up anyone's day. She has a passion and heart for helping, serving, and assisting the community.

Angine Moss Kenon  
Executive Director for Hosanna Corporation  
(954) 300-1370 -office  
(954) 687-4414 - cell  
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website- www.hosanna4youth.org  
Address- 5544 Pembroke Road, West Park, FL 33023

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Toccara Foster  
**Phone number:** (954) 226-2815  
**Email Address:** fostetl@gmail.com

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Alexandros Passakos  
**Address:** 2125 SE 10TH AVE., APT 1003  
**City:** Fort Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33316  
**Home Phone:** (954) 270-3728  
**Work Phone:** (954) 270-3728  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 270-3728  
**Email Address:** alexpassakos@gmail.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Alex has been a staple of Downtown Fort Lauderdale for over 2 decades. He started as a customer that frequented the area, then because of how many people he knew he became a promoter. He was promoted to manager and now he's a partner at several businesses downtown, where he helps provide jobs for dozens of people and provides a fun, safe atmosphere where 100's of locals and visitors go each week.

He constantly helps the homeless in the area and does fundraisers throughout the year. His most recent one raised enough money to buy new training equipment for Fort Lauderdale Police Departments K9 division.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

You can't go into any restaurant, bar or club in Fort Lauderdale that doesn't have an employee that Alex hasn't worked with at some point in time. When you mention Downtown Fort Lauderdale a lot of people

immediately think of Alex Passakos.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Besides being a partner at, and playing a major role in the success of several local businesses, he also has his name on several menus at other local restaurants and bars.

He was recently interviewed by radio personality Naughty Natalia and to date it is her most downloaded podcast.

(<https://mmofadj.com/episode/alex-passakos-an-indelible-mark-on-broward-nightlife/>)

Here is another interview conducted by local website, Living in Oakland Park.

(<https://livinginoaklandpark.com/2021/02/09/alex-passakos/>)

And he was recently listed as one of the local Rising Stars by Voyage MIA.

(<http://voyagemia.com/interview/rising-stars-meet-alex-passakos-of-fort-lauderdale-wynwood/>)

He also recently collaborated with local brewing company Holy Mackerel and created the Holy Passakos blonde ale, which is a huge hit and constantly sells out.

(<https://www.holymackerelbeers.com/copy-of-special-golden-ale>)

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Fahad Shah  
**Phone number:** (954) 918-1996  
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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** Juan Rodriguez  
**Address:** 535 NE 13th St #1  
**City:** Ft. Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33304  
**Home Phone:** (954) 530-5637  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 600-2202  
**Email Address:** Juan@renzogracieftl.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Juan owns and operates the Renzo Gracie JiuJitsu Academy in Fort Lauderdale. He provides a positive outlook for kids and adults through the gentle art of jiuJitsu. He helps contribute to the quality of life for our citizens & polices officers & first responders. He brings a positive recognition to the City of Ft.Lauderdale & the upcoming neighborhood of 13th Street. Juan also encourages people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice for jiuJitsu and positive vibes.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Juan teaches kids to adults not just a martial art but a way of life and a better perspective at problem solving. He's changed my life and numerous others by bringing ALL different kinds of people together that would probably never even speak. He brings polices officers to accounts to stay at home moms and dads together and welcomes everyone as a family.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Juan is a second degree Blackbelt and has been training and teaching jiu-jitsu for about 12 years. He moved to Fort Lauderdale from Weston to open his own academy and RGFTL has been open for 3 years. He's a great person and a phenomenal teacher.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Casey Austin  
**Phone number:** (954) 661-5506  
**Email Address:** caseya877@gmail.com

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**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33304  
**Home Phone:** (954) 530-5637  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 530-5637  
**Email Address:** Juan@renzogracieftl.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Juan gives back to the community in one of the best ways possible by providing a comfortable environment where people of all walk of life can learn martial arts in a safe, family environment. And also helps the law enforcement by allowing them to train free to sharpen their combative skills.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Juan is one of the most humble and giving people I've met in my life. Always welcomes everyone with open arms and finds way to make his home your home. When you meet the guy you are immediately considered family. Couldn't think of a better guy to nominate. Thank you for everything.

#### 4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Juan Rodriguez is a Renzo Gracie Black Belt, and owns Renzo Gracie Ft. Lauderdale. Juan is still very young

and has already done a lot in the short time since he has first opened the academy. Since I've been there the academy has tripled in size and the teaching has only gotten better. We are one big family under the RGFT flag.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Rene Perez  
**Phone number:** (754) 260-4250  
**Email Address:** alexhippybjj@icloud.com

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

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**City:** Fort Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33306  
**Home Phone:** (954) 568-9015  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 494-2649  
**Email Address:** [lorraine@rotellagroup.com](mailto:lorraine@rotellagroup.com)

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Member of Planning and Zoning Board  
Involved with Boys and Girls Club  
Jackson Memorial Ryder Trauma Burns Unit  
Also sits on other boards

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

I have personally known Bill Rotella for twenty years and have known him to be one of the most caring, thoughtful and selfless people I know. He always puts the needs of others before himself. He is well known in the community both as a professional with great morals and honesty as well as a man of faith. I couldn't think of anyone more deserving. I have been working for him for the last year, helping him get through losing his book keeper of twenty years and watching him every day make sure that her family had everything they could possibly need during their daughters illness and up to and after her passing.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Real Estate Broker for over 30 years

Strong ties to the community

Lives local in Fort Lauderdale

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

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**Phone number:** (954) 778-3137  
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**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33306  
**Home Phone:** (954) 568-9015  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 568-9015  
**Email Address:** WJR@Rotellagroup.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Bill is a staple in the Fort Lauderdale community. He is charitable and kind to everyone he meets. I have known Bill for most of my life and he is somebody that I look up to.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

I think Bill is a great example of what every citizen of Fort Lauderdale should strive to be.

#### 4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Bill was born in Vermont and moved to South Florida when he was a child and has lived here since. He owns and operates a commercial real estate business that is a staple in our community.

#### 5. This nomination was submitted by:

**Name:** Connor Cromartie  
**Phone number:** (954) 651-5349  
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**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33306-1061  
**Home Phone:** (954) 568-9015  
**Work Phone:** (954) 568-9015  
**Cell Phone:** (954) 568-9015  
**Email Address:** [wjr@rotellagroup.com](mailto:wjr@rotellagroup.com)

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Is part of a private non profit focused on working on critical issues that affect Broward County and coming up w solutions.

He has been heavily involved in Boys and Girls Club to a point they even awarded him w the Key to the City of N Lauderdale. He is involved w numerous charitable and civic organizations and helped raise substantial funds for St Jude Research, Multiple Sclerosis and UM Trama Center.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

I rambled about his accomplishments, but his HEART is GOLD and will give him shirt off his back for anyone. He truly is a good hearted man and deserves the world.

#### 4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

William (Bill) Rotella, a 40 year plus industry veteran, is the President and Founder of The Rotella Group, Inc. Before founding his own boutique firm in 1995. Bill has been instrumental in the redefining of the Fort Lauderdale and Broward County retail landscape.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Mel Itraish  
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**Email Address:** mitraish@gmail.com

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**Email Address:** [Wjr@rotellagroup.com](mailto:Wjr@rotellagroup.com)

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

I think he is the greatest guy in town! I may be bias because he is my dad but I think their are many who would also agree. He sits on multiple boards including zoning, Broward workshop, boys and girls club. He's had a company called The Rotella Group based here out of Fort Lauderdale for over 25 years. He has helped shaped this city in multiple ways in his over 40 years of living here.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Because he would be upset if he knew I filled this out... he doesn't do things for a pat on his back he just helps people. Follow him around for a day and you'll see how many random people he gets to smile, to feel important or that he takes the time to listen to and try to help, no matter whats going on or if he even knows them. I just feel it would be nice that he is recognized for all the things he does without looking for anything in return.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

From his website...

William (Bill) Rotella, a 40 year plus industry veteran, is the President and Founder of The Rotella Group, Inc. Before founding his own boutique firm in 1995, Bill started his South Florida Commercial Real Estate Brokerage career at CBRE, formally Coldwell Banker, in 1981. Bill attained a 1st VP designation and numerous other awards at CBRE, 'CB', during his time there. Early in his career he was also awarded the "Up and Comers Award" from the South Florida Business Journal for commercial real estate professionals in South Florida for candidates under the age of 40. Bill has been instrumental in the redefining of the Fort Lauderdale and Broward County retail landscape. Bill represented Home Depot in the assemblage of 14 parcels of land at Sunrise Blvd and NE 4th Avenue, a gateway into Downtown Fort Lauderdale that eliminated a blighted area at the north end of the city. Bill and the firm represent national retail tenants as well as landlords and property owners throughout South Florida with their specific real estate requirements including acquisition and disposition needs . Recent deals include assisting Home Depot in the acquisition of the former Sports Authority in Jupiter, Florida for \$7.5 M to help increase HD's presence in that market. He also represented PGA Superstore in the purchase of a former Toys R Us in Plantation, Florida for \$7.5 M. He represented the seller of 17 acres to Costco for \$6 M in Coral Springs, Florida. The Rotella Group has represented Dollar Tree Stores since 2008 and has increased their store count in the South Florida market by over 140 stores. Bill is a member of the Broward Workshop a private, non profit group representing 100 of Broward County's major businesses and professionals working on critical issues that affect Broward County. As a member of the Executives' Association of Fort Lauderdale, Bill Rotella joins 100 local businesses that are unified in their commitment to excellence and are known for their reputation in the community. Bill has served as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County. His 35 years with the BGCBC was highlighted with his induction into the BGCBC Hall of Fame in 2015; he was also awarded a Key to the City of North Lauderdale for his community service efforts at their signature club. Bill has also been involved in numerous charitable and civic organizations, and has helped raise millions of dollars for these groups including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, MS and the University of Miami/Jackson Hospital Trauma Center. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Watts Foundation which assists local charities donating over \$1M annually to 20 different charities. Bill was born in Rutland, Vermont and received his BS in Marketing from Siena College in Loudonville, NY. Bill is also an active member of St. John the Baptist Church, serving as both a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Bill is joined in the firm by his sons Christopher and Michael and a team of associates with a combined 125 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** Chris rotella  
**Phone number:** (954) 895-4266  
**Email Address:** Chris@rotellagroup.co

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

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#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth  
Known as the "Mother of Fort Lauderdale," Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan checks all of the boxes to be selected posthumously for the Fort Lauderdale Wall of Fame. Her impact on Fort Lauderdale and South Florida, as the first schoolteacher here and then for her philanthropic efforts that included her work supporting the rights of the Seminole Indians and aiding them in moving to an Indian reservation. She is closely associated with the Friends of the Florida Seminoles, an organization through which she sought to support the education of Seminole children, build homes and eventually to support themselves fully. She became heavily involved in Seminole affairs with local government and became the chair of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. Although she had petitioned for a permanent Indian reservation for the Seminoles, when it was granted in 1917, it was her rival Minnie More-Wilson who received most of the credit through her Friends of the Florida Seminoles organization.

By 1924, Fort Lauderdale was expanding rapidly and there was pressure for the Seminoles to move to the

approved area set aside as a reservation. Ivy entered their existing camp and convinced members of the group to join her on an expedition to the Dania Reservation. Ivy arranged for the Seminoles to be paid to make the reservation habitable and began transporting work parties to and from the location. She arranged for timber to be delivered courtesy of the Indian commissioner at Fort Myers and by the end of the year several homes, a school and an administrative building had been built on the site and all the Seminoles had moved.

Ivy promised that once moved, the Seminoles would not need to move again. However, within 10 years, this promise was broken as the government was looking to move the Seminoles to a different reservation. Ivy fought that order, and it was eventually revoked. She continued to work on introducing Christianity into the Seminoles and successfully integrated them into the Southern Baptist Convention. This was following the foundation of a new Friends of the Florida Seminoles organization, which was often confused with the former under Minnie More-Wilson. The new version of the organization named Ivy as secretary-treasurer, and she would remain involved with the group for the rest of her life. Together they sought to stem the growing alcohol issue in the Seminoles by educating the women about the problems it could bring.

When the government withdrew its support of the Seminoles in 1954, Ivy and her Friends society helped the Seminoles set themselves up as a business, allowing them to organize themselves as the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. in 1957.

When her beloved husband, Frank, passed away, it was an incredible blow to Ivy. She wore black, not for a year, as was the custom, but for more than 10 years. But Ivy had an iron will, and once she was able, she re-entered the fray, determined to make Fort Lauderdale a better community.

Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice

Encouraging people even then to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice, she lent rooms to tourists and rented the ground floor of her home to a restaurateur. Today, the Historic Stranahan House Museum entertains, educates and enlightens tourists from around the world with Fort Lauderdale's history.

Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens

Ivy invested in the community, continuing the work she and Frank had begun. She collected her meager rents and then gave them to just causes, personal and civic. During the Great Depression, Ivy watched as non-payment of taxes resulted in foreclosures. Her neighbors' homes were being lost on the courthouse steps. She and her supporters started a movement that resulted in Florida's Homestead Exemption law.

Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work and play

In the mid-1930s, Ivy turned her energies toward establishing a hospital for the black community. She championed such diverse concerns as family planning and the "Campfire Girls," housing for the elderly and the Garden Club. Ivy's interests, her causes and concerns, seemed limitless. If it needed to be done, she would see that it was. Ivy began advocating on behalf of the Seminole tribe from her first days on the New River, and she never stopped. She fought for land, education, health care dignity, to all of which she felt the tribe was entitled to.

Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens

Ivy and Frank Stranahan were the pioneer business and social leaders of the fledgling town of Fort Lauderdale. Their efforts were extraordinary and their generosity immense.

In 1901-1902, near the site of his original trading post, Frank constructed a larger two-story, wood-frame structure made of sturdy Dade County pine. He gave it broad porches around its two floors, so that the Seminoles would have a place to sleep when they came to trade.

The "new" Stranahan Trading Post quickly evolved into a post office, community center and town hall.

Frank became Fort Lauderdale's first banker and leading businessman. It was not long before dances and community gatherings were held on the upper floor of the house. In 1906, it also became the Ivy and

Frank's personal residence. The house and the Stranahan's enjoyed busy and productive lives, with their home as the center of activity for the growing community.

### **3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Fostering the spirit of our community

Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan was a true philanthropist and pioneer in Fort Lauderdale and South Florida. Her impact is legendary. As the area's first teacher, serving five families and nine pupils in a small one room schoolhouse, she provided a positive outlook for the future of youth in the community, that lives on today as the Historic Stranahan Museum serves tens of thousands of students annually.

Fostering the spirit of community and contributing to the quality of life for the area's citizens, Ivy was devoted to the plight of the Seminole Indians, helped them to adjust to a newly created reservation in Dania, that she arranged. She worked to create income-producing systems for Seminole women and introduced their first sewing machines.

Ivy lived at the Indian Trading Post on the New River, where she served as an intermediary between the Seminoles and the white society growing around them. In addition, Ivy was active for women's voting rights. She served as president of the state suffrage league in 1917 and lobbied in Tallahassee.

The role the Stranahan's played in the founding of Fort Lauderdale is profound. They were visionaries, compassionate and never flamboyant or class conscious. In March 1917, Frank and Ivy testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Investigation of The Indian Service about the desperate conditions of the Seminole Indians in South Florida.

Fort Lauderdale became a better place to live, work and play thanks to Ivy Stranahan.

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Ivy Julia Cromartie was born in White Springs, Florida, to August and Sarah Cromartie on February 24, 1881. Her father was a teacher based in Central Florida. During the development of the southern part of the state, the Cromartie family continued to move further south. The family moved to Lemon City where Ivy completed her schooling. She sought to become a teacher immediately and trained through the summer following graduation. She was assigned to work at the school in Fort Lauderdale and arrived prior to the completion of the school building and stayed with a school trustee and his family for several months. The one-room school opened in 1899 to serve the six families.

There she met Frank Stranahan, who had opened a trading post in 1893 to trade with the local Seminoles and also held the local contract for mail delivery. In 1900 they married and settled back in Fort Lauderdale, building Pioneer House, which today is the Historic Stranahan House Museum.

This philanthropist and pioneer wrote a history of the Seminole Indians and formed "Friends of the Seminoles," serving as its spokesperson for 50 years.

Ivy died in her home on August 30, 1971. She and Frank are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Lauderdale. Upon her death, her historic and beloved home was left to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. In 1973, the house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and in 1979, it was sold to the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. After a complete restoration, Stranahan House, Inc. was incorporated in 1981 to preserve and manage the property. Stranahan House, now the Historic Stranahan House Museum, still stands on its original location on the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale. It is the site most closely associated with the founding of the city and its economic and social development.

Ivy was active for women's voting rights, served as president of the state suffrage league in 1917 and lobbied in Tallahassee. Ivy has also been inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

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**6. Submit background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended. Please feel free to attach additional sheets here. Maximum size per file upload is 5 MB.**

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Thank you,  
**City of Fort Lauderdale, FL**

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## 2022 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

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- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov). The deadline for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 31, 2021**.

### Nominated Honoree information:

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A native of Broward County and now resident of Fort Lauderdale, Shane Strum has a legacy of public service spanning nearly three decades. Presently, he is the president and chief executive officer of Broward Health, one of the nation’s 10 largest public healthcare systems with an operational budget of \$1.2 billion and more than 8,000 employees. The Broward Health system includes Broward Health Medical Center, Broward Health North, Broward Health Imperial Point, Broward Health Coral Springs, Salah Foundation Children’s Hospital, as well as urgent care and community health services, serving hundreds of thousands of patients in Broward County with several of these locations in the City Fort Lauderdale. With the quality healthcare overseen by Strum, Fort Lauderdale becomes an even more desired place to live, work and play. The leading health services offered at Broward Health significantly contribute to the quality of life for our citizens.

Strum is a respected and influential leader with an impressive record of executive experience that has resulted in numerous benefits for residents of Fort Lauderdale. He has led initiatives that have lowered costs of prescription drugs, expanded telehealth services, improved transparency and quality in healthcare, and increased awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues throughout the state.

Shane proudly fosters the spirit of our community with his involvement in several prominent organizations that promote civic responsibility, economic development and tourism through heightened visibility for the City of Fort Lauderdale. Currently, Shane is an active member on numerous boards of directors, contributing to and making Fort Lauderdale a great place to live, work and play by fostering a spirit of community.

**Health-related:**

- American Hospital Association, Regional Policy Board, Region 4, 2021 – present
- Community Care Plan (CCP) Board Member, 2021 – present
  - CCP, Audit and Compliance Committee, Member, 2021 – present
  - CCP, Human Resources Committee, Member, 2021 – present
- Children’s Diagnostic & Treatment Center 2021- present
- Project Opioid Business Council (see expanded description below)
- Safety Nets Hospital Alliance of Florida, 2021 – present

**Economic and workforce development-related**

- Broward Workshop, 2021 – present.
  - Business Advocacy Committee Member, 2021 – present
- Florida Chamber
- Florida’s Post-Pandemic Economy, Advisory Council, Member, 2021 – present
- The Florida Council of 100, Member, 2021 – present

**Boosting Fort Lauderdale & Fostering a Spirit of Community Pride**

- Museum of Discovery and Science, 2021- present

- Winterfest, 2002-2007; 2012-2019; 2021 – present
  - Served as the 2021 Winterfest Commodore

Strum's involvement within Fort Lauderdale's diverse community is wide-ranging. Organizations he previously contributed to in various capacities, including serving on boards and hand-on volunteerism, include:

- Broward College Foundation, 2016-2019
- Broward Education Foundation's Hall of Fame Inductee, 2017
- Broward Sheriff's Foundation, 2015-2019
- Florida Community Health Network, Chairman 2012-2015
- Florida TaxWatch, 2016-2019
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, 2015-2019
- Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Board Member, 1999-2000
- South Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners, Chairman, 2005-2007; appointed by Gov. Bush 2001, 2005
- The Charter Foundation, LLC, vice-chairman, 2004-2007; board member 2001-2007, 2012-2019
- Young Entrepreneurship Council for Huizenga School of Business, founding board member, 2002-2005

Strum also serves as co-chair of the Project Opioid Business Council, a life-saving new initiative that is tackling the growing opioid epidemic in Broward County. Fellow co-chairs include Celebrity Cruises CEO Lisa Lutoff Perlo and Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Foundation partnered with the Florida Blue Foundation to build a coalition of business, nonprofit and faith-based leaders to research the local impact of opioid abuse, identify the types of treatment and resources available within the community and develop an actionable strategy to reduce opioid deaths in our community. The opioid epidemic surged during the COVID-19 pandemic at an alarming rate. The spike is related in part to the isolation and economic hardships exacerbated by the stress of job loss, threat of evictions and the consequences of stay-at-home policies. In December 2021, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement released a report that showed drug-related deaths increased by 17% in 2020. **Fort Lauderdale topped the list of fentanyl related deaths in the state - 642 people with fentanyl in their system died last year in the greater Fort Lauderdale area.** The impact Strum, his co-chairs and the Alliance have will bring positive recognition to the city, locally and nationally.

### **Accomplishments:**

During his tenure as Gov. DeSantis' chief of staff and his current role as Broward Health's CEO, Strum has played a critical role in the health and well-being of the Greater Fort Lauderdale community.

### **COVID-19**

#### **Widespread Testing**

Strum's experience working in public healthcare was the was invaluable in guiding the state-run response during the early stages of the pandemic. While serving as chief of staff to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, he brought an insider's perspective into the complex innerworkings between government and healthcare. They crucial connections Strum made while previously serving as senior vice president of Memorial Healthcare System were instrumental with helping steer the administration tackle the enormous task of rolling out testing site throughout the state.

He ensured a swift roll-out of large-scale testing sites throughout Broward County, more than 45,000 residents were tested during those critical first few months.

### **Roll-out of stand-up vaccine sites**

Although stationed in Tallahassee during the first few months when vaccines became available to the public, Strum was able to pivot and provide critical resources which directly supported local efforts. His powerful connections in Tallahassee and influential connections in the medical field led to vast resources being directly shipped to multiple Broward Health and state-run vaccination sites in Broward County. His assistance with securing resources and funding allowed Broward Health to roll out a large-scale vaccination site in conjunction with the City of Fort Lauderdale, InterMiami CF and the Florida Department of Emergency Management. The site at InterMiami CF Stadium vaccinated up to 2,000 patients daily. In total, 115,000 vaccinations were administered. Then, along with state officials, local officials, and community leaders, Broward Health was in a position to open additional mobile sites to better serve Broward County's most underserved and high-risk populations

### **Monoclonal Antibody Therapies**

Broward Health was also at the forefront of administering monoclonal antibody therapies soon after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized emergency use for both Eli Lilly's and Regeneron's antibody treatments. Studies suggested that the new therapies reduced the risk of hospitalization and death among recently diagnosed people with elevated risk factors. Broward Health went on to open clinics during the surge, transitioning patients directly from the Emergency Department to the infusion clinic to prevent unnecessary illness and free space in the ER for critically ill patients.

### **ADDRESSING GREATER HEALTHCARE NEEDS**

#### **Investment in Lifesaving Capital Improvement Projects**

Under Strum's leadership, Broward Health completed a \$52 million expansion of the Salah Foundation Children's Hospital NICU that will enhance the immediate and long-term outcomes of infants born at risk. Designated as a Level III Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center, this is one of only 11 RPICC sites in Florida, and the only location in Fort Lauderdale, where a comprehensive team of board-certified neonatologists, nursing specialists and pediatric specialists provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary care for critically ill newborns.

Broward Health Imperial Point in Fort Lauderdale and Broward Health Coral Springs opened new cardiac catheterization labs and interventional radiology suites to provide patients with access to critical life-saving cardiac procedures close to home. Each state-of-the-art suite includes procedure rooms, pre-and-post-procedure patient care bays, an isolation room, a room devoted to echo cardiograms, diagnostic stress lab stations and an expansive waiting room equipped with the latest patient monitoring technology. Broward Health, which has made a multi-million-dollar investment in cardiac service line upgrades, has a more than 50-year history in advanced cardiac care.

#### **Preparing Doctors for Fort Lauderdale's Future**

During 2021, Broward Health expanded its Graduate Medical Education Program across all four of its hospitals as the system continues to serve the community as an academic center of excellence in training. New training programs were launched in general surgery, internal medicine, and emergency medicine at Broward Health North and psychiatry at Broward Health Imperial Point, bringing the number of programs at Broward Health to 13. As Broward Health North transitions to an academic hospital, the GME general surgery residency there allows the

hospital to help fill the physician shortage and the critical need for doctors in the state and locally, bringing positive recognition to the city, locally and nationally.

### **Introducing New Technology**

Strum prioritized investment in new robotic technologies which provide the best possible care for orthopedic, oncologic, bariatric, urologic, gynecologic and pediatric patients at Broward Health. Additional investments were made in expanded genomics, as well as medical and operational technologies. This past year, advanced technologies, which provide precision medicine and personalized care, were added:

**WATCHMAN FLX:** Broward Health Medical Center was the first hospital in Broward County to offer patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAF) an alternative to long-term blood thinners with the next-generation WATCHMAN FLX Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) implant. The WATCHMAN FLX, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, may reduce the risk of stroke in patients with NVAF who need an alternative to oral anticoagulation therapy.

**Stereotaxis:** This global leader in innovative robotic technologies for the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias partnered with Broward Health Medical Center to establish a robotic electrophysiology robotics lab to expand access to advanced minimally invasive treatment of heart rhythm disorders in Florida. Broward Health Medical Center was the only hospital in South Florida offering robotic technology to treat patients suffering from arrhythmias and is the first in Florida, and among the first in the nation, to adopt the latest Genesis Robotic Magnetic Navigation system.

**eICU:** Broward Health's Intensive Care Units were integrated with Philips eICU, the largest tele-ICU network in the U.S., offering centralized, remote clinical surveillance by medical professionals, proprietary algorithms that provide early warnings for proactive care and continuous programmatic improvement. This transformational critical care tele-ICU program provides 24/7/365 remote monitoring for the vitals of patients in ICU, using artificial intelligence to provide the best medical counsel to bedside caregivers. Integrating A/V technology, predictive analytics and data visualization with advanced reporting capabilities equates to better outcomes, faster discharges and a better patient experience.

### **Prioritizing Health**

Through regular rounds at the hospitals, Strum works side by side with frontline health care workers. He also speaks with and listens to patients. He learned many patients were reluctant to schedule regular appointments for cancer detection screenings due to the pandemic. The consequences have been dire, resulting in a surge in delayed cancer diagnoses which can potentially be deadly. Strum made this a priority and launched a new multi-media educational campaign called *I Beat Cancer with Broward Health* to encourage people to resume screenings and seek treatment if needed.

## **2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Strum is a champion of Fort Lauderdale and encourages people to not only visit the region but make it their home and place of business. He is at the forefront of new and innovative ways to shape the present, improve the future and enhance access to high quality health care for all. His ambitious and bold vision and a unique ability to form collaborative relationships with industry and community partners is leading to real change.

Not an easy year to be a new leader of a health system, Strum did so with courage, vision and integrity. His leadership throughout the pandemic has been instrumental in this community. He works tirelessly to ensure Broward Health and its dedicated frontline workers continue to serve Fort Lauderdale's diverse population.

During Strum's time serving as chief of staff to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, he was involved in the complex innerworkings between government and healthcare, especially in times of crisis. That experience provides him with a unique perspective and better understanding of who the key influencers are and how public hospitals systems, such as Broward Health, can secure funding for research and more, which is necessary to ensure a next generation approach for the residents of Fort Lauderdale and beyond.

Strum's legacy of public service has spanned nearly 30 years. During that time, he has led initiatives that have lowered costs of prescription drugs, expanded telehealth services, improved transparency and quality in healthcare, and increased awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues throughout the state, again contributing to the quality of life for our citizens.

Strum is a highly visible presence in the community. He doesn't just show up, he rolls up his sleeves and pitches in, doing whatever it takes. In November 2021, Broward Health Community Health Services hosted its annual Healthcare for the Homeless Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Bernard P. Alicki Health Center in Fort Lauderdale. Along with members of Broward Health's leadership team and caregivers, he helped distribute more than 600 pre-packaged Grab & Go Thanksgiving holiday meals for the homeless. Broward Health also donated bags which included a blanket, hand sanitizer, masks, a flashlight and homeless informational materials.

Strum committed \$250,000 worth of PPE and medical supplies on behalf of Broward Health to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti in early fall 2021. About 60 pallets of supplies, including face masks, surgical gloves, ponchos, sanitizers, isolation gowns and other items that can be used for health care, COVID mitigation and preservation of health and wellness, were shared with community partners for distribution in Haiti.

Through Broward Health's commitment to the highly effective Vaccinate Broward and Mobilize to Immunize campaigns, more than 800 children across Broward County were vaccinated this year.

Always striving to improve the quality of life for Fort Lauderdale residents, Strum's priorities for the future include continuing to further innovate and ensure quality healthcare is offered in underserved communities. Broward Health has acquired property to grow its footprint and increase access to care for local residents.

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Before joining Broward Health, Shane served as Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' chief of staff and led the Governor's staff in implementing a \$90 billion budget, overseeing 20 state agencies with more than 100,000 employees, gubernatorial appointments and cabinet affairs. He also collaborated closely with Florida's federal partners, healthcare providers, hospitals, local governments, community leaders and private businesses to facilitate Florida's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his work with the state, Strum served as senior vice president at Memorial Healthcare System in Hollywood, Florida, where he was part of an executive team that managed more than 15,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$2.4 billion. He also oversaw Memorial's strategic planning, marketing, community relations and global health functions. During his tenure, Strum's accomplishments included growing social and digital platforms to enhance the healthcare system's reputation, establishing additional lines of revenue, developing a partnership with Moffitt Cancer Center and collaborating on state and federal regulatory issues. Before he joined Memorial's executive team, he served on the South Broward Hospital District Board for several years, including two terms as chairman.

In addition to his healthcare experience, Strum has excelled in higher education, having served as vice chancellor of Keiser University and director of corporate and government relations at Nova Southeastern University.

Strum is deeply committed to serving the local community and has sat on numerous boards throughout his career, including Broward College Foundation, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Florida TaxWatch and the Broward Sheriff's Foundation. He is also a founding board member of the Young Entrepreneurship Council for Huizenga School of Business and former chairman of the Florida Community Health Network.

Strum earned his MBA from Nova Southeastern University and his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Alabama. He is married and has one daughter, as a family enjoying Fort Lauderdale's fantastic lifestyle.

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2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Norman Tripp was a pillar of the Fort Lauderdale community. He was founder and chairman emeritus of Tripp Scott, a leading South Florida law firm.

After graduating law school set out encouraging other attorneys to join him in his vision for a firm committed to grow with – and help grow – Fort Lauderdale as a premier destination to do business, live and raise a family.

Moreover, he played a critical role, as outside general counsel, in the rapid expansion of Alamo Rental Car, a key driver of the region's commercial development. Thanks to his leadership, Tripp Scott's clients transformed Ft. Lauderdale's skyline, neighborhoods and economic profile while preserving its status as one of America's most sustainable and caring communities.

Tripp was more than a legal innovator and business builder – he built community, in every sense of the word. His personal compassion, generosity and commitment to inclusiveness were exemplified in his tireless contributions as a founding benefactor of the Community Foundation of Broward, initiator of the Tripp Fund for Educational Opportunity and the Tripp Scott Fund for Community Diversity, and leader of the citizens' campaign for passage of the Broward County Public Library bond issue.

The community returned this embrace, as his many honors included an Outstanding Citizens Award from the Florida Library Association, the Tribute-to-the-Family Award from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Child Advocate of the Year Award, the University of Miami College of Arts and Science's Outstanding Alumni Award, the Leadership Broward Inc.'s "Leader of the Year" award and Broward Economic Development Council's Spirit of Broward Award for Overall Community Leader.

Tripp's relentless championing of excellence in education benefiting Florida families was reflected in his roles as a member of the Board of Governors for the State University System, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University, a trustee for the University of Miami, chair and vice-chair of the State of Florida Board of Community Colleges and a member of the Advisory Board of the Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University.

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Norman D. Tripp, chairman emeritus of Tripp Scott, founded the firm in 1969. He has led the firm's growth as it has responded to clients' needs and helped build the entrepreneur, business development, finance, environmental, employment, real estate and technology law practices.

Through the years, Tripp's reputation for achieving results has attracted numerous national clients to the firm. Furthermore, his strategic counsel has helped local entrepreneurial companies grow into international models of business excellence.

A well-known community activist, Tripp is dedicated to improving government, education and diversity. He has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Florida Atlantic University, a trustee for the University of Miami, and chair and vice-chair of the State of

Florida Board of Community Colleges. In addition, he is a member of the Advisory Board of the Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University. In 2008, he was appointed to the Florida Board of Governors for the State University System.

A founding benefactor of the Community Foundation of Broward, he initiated the Tripp Fund for Educational Opportunity and the Tripp Scott Fund for Community Diversity. In 1998, he successfully spearheaded the citizens' campaign for passage of the Broward County Public Library bond issue.

Tripp has received numerous honors in recognition of his community contributions, including the 2001 Outstanding Citizens Award from the Florida Library Association and the 2001 Tribute-to-the-Family Award from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In 1988, he received the Child Advocate of the Year Award and the University of Miami College of Arts and Science's Outstanding Alumni Award. He is also the recipient of the Leadership Broward Inc.'s "Leader of the Year" award and was awarded Broward Economic Development Council's Spirit of Broward Award for Overall Community Leader. Tripp holds a law degree, magna cum laude, from Cleveland State University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Miami.

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As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov). The deadline for the 2022 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 31, 2021**.

### Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: William (Bill) Walker

Address: 413 SW 3rd Avenue

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: 954 467 6677 Cell: 617 797 1992

Email: bwalker@watertaxi.com

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Very generous community partner that routinely donates his boats to charity events, for charity auctions, for city events and for use by the city for reviewing waterways.

He is quick to volunteer for public projects and most often leads the initiative to keep our waterways clean. He freely gives his time for education and encourages our youth to become engaged in our oceans and boating. He often takes on young apprentice to offer experience in the marine industries.

He uses his personal resources to spread positive information about our city and the many things it offers. During the recent COVID challenge - he kept his staff employed and assured that they were safe during this very trying time.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Bill continues to be an active community partner - he sits on many boards including Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc, and Winterfest Boat Parade and others. He is the incoming chair at Winterfest. He actively participates in the Waterway Clean Up in Broward County and sits on the Marine Advisory Board offering his expertise in that area. He shares his love of the seas with all and continues to promote the community. He encourages those on his staff to be engaged in Fort Lauderdale outside of work and to give back to the community. This is done through his personal example. He has grown water transportation in our city and county and through his engagement has made our City a destination with safe and fun means to travel around.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Bill is graduate of Mass Maritime and hold nealy all licenses to skipper any size vessel. He is an avid sail boat racer and competes through the US on various teams successfully.

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Submitted by: Eugenia Duncan Ellis

Phone number: 954 205 9648 Email: genia@ellisconnects.com

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

**All nominations must be received by December 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Nominations and background materials submitted after Friday, December 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-5085 or email [sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov).

#### **Mail your submission to:**

Sarah Spurlock  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
300 SW 2nd Street, Suite 5  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

#### **E-mail your submission to:**

[sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov)

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** William Walker  
**Address:** 413 SW 3rd Ave.  
**City:** Fort Lauderdale  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33315  
**Home Phone:** (954) 467-6677  
**Work Phone:** (954) 467-6677  
**Cell Phone:** (617) 797-1992  
**Email Address:** [bwalker@watertaxi.com](mailto:bwalker@watertaxi.com)

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Water Taxi is quintessential Fort Lauderdale, thanks primarily to Bill Walker's leadership since 2007. He took the concept of a "taxi" along the water to a new level, building strong partnerships with businesses, restaurants, hotels and community events, along the beach, New River and Intracoastal Waterways in Fort Lauderdale. This creates a "must-do" on every tourist's list and a hassle-free way to get to popular festivals for locals and visitors. His multi-faceted approach to positioning Water Taxi as an integral part of Fort Lauderdale is based on these strong relationships. A few of these examples include:

- o Winterfest: he has devoted his personal time to this annual community hallmark, becoming the 2022 Chair. Water Taxi vessels are used by the City of Fort Lauderdale police to create a safe event for the community. Donated vessels are donned with lights for local charities participating in the parade, including Broward College and the American Lung Association's Turquoise Takeover.
- o Charters for Charities: Water Taxi donates (estimated value) more than \$50,000 in private charters to local charities each year. Among the many beneficiaries are the American Lung Association, Leadership Broward, Leadership Fort Lauderdale, Winterfest, Riverwalk, and the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment

Center.

o Visit Fort Lauderdale: Bill and his team work closely with all tourism entities to help elevate the city as a choice destination and ensure visitor experiences are positive and unique. For example, Water Taxi sponsors a “Cruise and Save Program” with more than 70 Fort Lauderdale businesses. This project alone generates more than \$1 million a year for local businesses.

### **3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

Fort Lauderdale wouldn't be Fort Lauderdale without its waterways. The waterways would not be as accessible nor as popular without Water Taxi. Time has come to honor the company's humble, yet fiercely generous and dedicated, leader with the City's Hall of Fame Award.

In addition to the charitable contributions listed above, Bill and his executive team are actively involved in local business and community organizations. Broward College, Marine Industries Association, Marine Advisory Council, City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board, the Fort Lauderdale Beach Council and the Las Olas Association are just a few examples.

From the Riverside Hotel to Margaritaville in Hollywood, Bill works closely with local businesses to create mutually beneficial promotions and service. Major events, such as the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, PRIDE festival, Tortuga Music Festival, Wine and Food Festival, all include the added benefits of Water Taxi access and support. Even visitors to Birch State Park have access to Water Taxi and its pleasant way to travel to the community's most popular sights. During the holidays, tickets quickly sell out for the Water Taxi's popular Holiday Lights cruises.

Fort Lauderdale is world famous for its pristine waterways, made all the more accessible and enjoyable, thanks to Water Taxi.

### **4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

Bill Walker, the owner of Water Taxi, is originally from Marblehead, Massachusetts. He moved to Fort Lauderdale in 2014 after several years of commuting from New England.

He earned a bachelor's degree in marine transportation from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and has proudly spent his entire career in the marine industry.

In 2007, Bill purchased Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale. This multi-stop system of boats helps to alleviate street traffic while providing residents and visitors with a unique perspective of Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood. Since Bill took over the helm, Water Taxi has grown to serve more than one million passengers per year, most of whom travel to enjoy local restaurants, businesses and community events. Tourists and locals alike choose Water Taxi for fun and easy transportation to destinations of choice, with the added benefit of gorgeous waterfront views of luxury homes and the downtown skyline. Water Taxi vessels also are available for private and corporate charters.

Bill is currently involved with the Marine Industries Association, the Marine Advisory Council, City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board, the Fort Lauderdale Beach Council and the Las Olas Association. He is the incoming chair of the famed Winterfest Boat Parade. In his spare time, he enjoys offshore sailboat racing, snorkeling, recreational boating and skiing.

Bill is the proud father of a daughter, who works in the medical field, and a son, who works in project construction.

### **5. This nomination was submitted by:**

<b>Name:</b>	Ina Lee
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[Water Taxi Principal and CEO Bill Walker joins FERRIES 2019 speaker line up - Marine Log.pdf](#)

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Thank you,

**City of Fort Lauderdale, FL**

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## Sarah Spurlock

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#### 1. Nominated Honoree information:

**Name of Nominated Honoree:** JOHN WEAVER  
**Address:** % DR ELIZABETH KING 777 BAYSHORE DRIVE # 1505  
**City:** FORT LAUDERDALE  
**State:** Florida  
**Zip Code:** 33304  
**Home Phone:** (954) 732-6833  
**Work Phone:** Not answered  
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**Email Address:** drelizabethking@gmail.com

#### 2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

PROVIDES A POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH:

John was instrumental in helping his wife build the Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick movement, a movement to empower women (over 4000 women to date) and children from all walks of life to be resilient, self-confident and purposeful leaders, through education, mentorship and community outreach.

The John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive began in his home over 20 years ago. It has collected and distributed over 65,000 toys to underprivileged children & delivers the true generous holiday spirit of our community.

FOSTERED THE SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY by serving as the President of the Central Beach Alliance from 2011-2018. He led the charge in communicating with citizens, government officials, developers and others. John was well-respected & liked by all. Involved in many discussions regarding the LOOP, the Las Olas Parking Garage & the new Las Olas Marina, as well as maintaining historic structures.

CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING FLL AS A DESTINATION OF CHOICE by serving on the Chamber of Commerce Beach Council for many years.

#### 3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

John believed and, even during his illness, constantly supported with his personal exhaustive efforts, the following ideas: Children are the catalyst for positive change for future generations. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders. All children should be given an opportunity to thrive AND experience the holiday season.

John recruited, cajoled, and strong-armed people & companies all across Broward & Fort Lauderdale to give to the kids. When he moved to the beach in 2007, his neighbors in Las Olas Beach Club, became the biggest toy drive supporter. After collecting thousands of toys every year, he and his wife personally went out to distribute to the children. Of course, by this time, they knew the toy drive was growing leaps and bounds, and the Toy Drive has become a significant community event. John was known for building an elaborate Christmas village which became the centerpiece for their toy drive. It was displayed in the lobby of the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach for several years.

It was John's involvement with the Central Beach Alliance as a board member first and then as the President and Dr. King's Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick Foundation that really propelled their toy drive to become what it has grown to be today. Because of John Weaver's life's mission and because of the generosity of people in Fort Lauderdale, his legacy is making a huge impact in our community.

**4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.**

"John" Edward Weaver II ("John") (born December 3, 1957), a Fort Lauderdale native, community leader, philanthropist, and beloved husband of Dr. Elizabeth King passed away on May 1, 2018 after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Though taken from this world far too soon, John accomplished much in his 60 years of life. He served as President of the Fort Lauderdale Central Beach Alliance for over 5 years, was a board member on the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Beach Council for many years, and was an entrepreneur who successfully founded his own software development company, and was a respected realtor and real estate investor. John loved Fort Lauderdale and he especially loved the beach, which he and his wife called home for the last 12 years of his life.

**5. This nomination was submitted by:**

**Name:** BILL BROWN, PRESIDENT, CBA  
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