



Office of the Mayor and Town Council

Peggy R. Bell
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Town Council

From: Mayor Peggy R. Bell

Date: June 21, 2017

Re: Placement of Plaque for Ernest "Ernie" Sochin at Saga Bay Park

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF ERNEST "ERNIE" SOCHIN AT THE SAGA BAY PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Ernest "Ernie" Sochin has lived in Cutler Bay, with his wife Rhoda, since 1968 and has two (2) children and three (3) grandchildren who routinely attend Town sponsored events. Ernie Sochin became involved with the Town in November 2005, when he provided a Notice of Candidacy for office of Council Member. He then became a member of the Inaugural Town Council in January 2006, when he was elected to Council Member, Seat 2, in a runoff election.

In December 2010, Ernie Sochin was appointed to Vice Mayor to fill the vacancy, until he was elected in June 2011 in a Special Election. Ernie Sochin served as Vice Mayor until his retirement in November 2016, serving the Town for eleven (11) years.

Ernie Sochin's service goes beyond his public offices, as he is actively involved in Town events, and is a writer for the local Community Newspaper. Being an active bicyclist and tennis player at Saga Bay Park, also makes him well known and beloved by Town residents and neighbors.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution, ratifying the placement of a plaque in recognition of Ernest "Ernie" Sochin at the Saga Bay Park Tennis and Pickleball courts reading the following: "In recognition of Ernest "Ernie" Sochin for his exceptional leadership and devoted service to the Town of Cutler Bay 2005-2016".

