## **RESOLUTION NO. 17-\_\_\_**

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.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") desire to honor the service of Ernest "Ernie" Sochin, a great community leader, public servant, father, husband, friend and resident; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Sochin, an avid bicyclist and tennis player, has lived in Cutler Bay with his wife Rhoda since 1968, with whom he has two (2) children and three (3) grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2005, Ernie Sochin became involved with the Town by providing a written Notice of Candidacy for office of Council Member; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Sochin became a member of the inaugural Town Council when he was elected to office in a runoff election in January 2006;

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Sochin was later elected as Vice Mayor in a Special Election in June 2011 and retired as Vice Mayor in November 2016 after eleven (11) years of service to the Town; and

**WHEREAS,** Ernie Sochin's public service extends far beyond his elected offices, having been involved as a writer for the local Community Newspaper and participating in Town events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town that the service of Ernest "Ernie" Sochin be recognized by placing a plaque for public display at the Saga Bay Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts displaying the following: "In recognition of Ernest "Ernie" Sochin for his exceptional leadership and devoted service to the Town of Cutler Bay 2005-2016"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article II, Section 2.1(A)(2) of the Town Charter, major awards or other forms of formal recognition of individuals or entities shall be by the council or any individual council member with the majority consent of the council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The above Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.  Section 2. Approval. The Town Council approves of the placement of a plaque at the Saga Bay Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts in recognition of Ernest "Ernie" Sochin in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," pursuant to Article II, Section 2.1(A)(2) of the Town Charter.  Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.  PASSED and ADOPTED this day of June, 2017.			
		Attest:	PEGGY R. BELL Mayor
		DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC Town Clerk	
		APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLE	R BAY:
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L. Town Attorney			
Moved By:			
FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:			
Mayor Peggy R. Bell			
Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle			
Council Member Mary Ann Mixon			
Council Member Michael P. Callahan			
Council Member Roger Coriat			