

Resolution

WHEREAS, the residents of Brevard County lost a valued community leader on October 12, 2020, with the death of Val M. Steele; and,

WHEREAS, born on the 20th of January, 1941 in Jeffersonville, Indiana, he became a resident of Florida in 1946, living in Melbourne Beach from 1960 to 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Val M. Steele was Town of Melbourne Beach Commissioner from 1966-1969, Town of Melbourne Beach Mayor from 1969-1973, Brevard County Commissioner from 1970 to 1984, and member of the St. Johns River Water Management Board from 1988-1991; and,

WHEREAS, his motto was “Shoot for the Stars”, he served with excellence and was instrumental as a driving force in moving the courthouse to Viera, development of roads and bridges throughout Brevard County, building the Spessard Holland Golf Course, and was a key player in creating the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge; and,

WHEREAS, Val Steele was a supporter of civic, charitable, and political organizations including Civilian Military Community Relations Council, Easter Seals Board of Directors, Performing Arts Center, and was the founder for both the Cape Kennedy Young Republicans and Brevard County Tiger Bay Club.

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Cookie; sons, Scott, Chris, Walt, Brad, and Brian; stepdaughter, Jennifer; and several grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, join in honoring the life and memory of

Commissioner Val M. Steele

and express our sympathy and condolences to the members of his family.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 17th day of November, 2020.