

RESOLUTION 21-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH HONORING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF MAYOR PHILIP WAYNE GRIFFITTS, SR; RENAMING BAY PARKWAY AS PHILIP GRIFFITTS, SR. PARKWAY.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1945, Philip Wayne Griffiths, Sr., was born at Tyndall Air Force Base forming a lifelong bond and commitment to the people and places of Bay County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating Bay High School and earning his college degree at Troy University, Mayor Griffiths returned home with the love of his life, Jerrilyn, and first born son, Philip Jr., and began a long career as a businessman on Panama City Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Griffiths built some of the earliest and most successful hotels and other businesses throughout Panama City Beach including the landmark Sugar Sands Motel, the Islander Motel and the La Quinta Inn; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 the people of the City of Panama City Beach elected Philip Wayne Griffiths, Sr, as the City's third mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Griffiths' dedication and effectiveness as a leader of the City is best evidenced by the citizens of the City of Panama City Beach reelection of Mayor Griffiths for a unprecedented five times; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 18 years of service to the City, Mayor Griffiths became known for his infectious laugh and his ability to work through even the toughest challenges with a sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments Mayor Griffiths' tenure in service to the City is marked by the development of Frank Brown Park, J. R. Arnold High School, laying the foundations for the development of Pier Park, and overseeing the transformation of the City of Panama City Beach from a seasonal resort town into a bustling community and tourist destination.

WHEREAS, Mayor Griffiths imprint can be felt in nearly every corner of life and government of the City of Panama City Beach; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from politics Mayor Griffiths remained an active leader in the community and instilled his sense of community to his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Philip Wayne Griffiths, Sr., died on December 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Philip Wayne Griffiths, Sr., was a champion of the City of Panama City Beach and Bay County who exemplified strength, sacrifice, and service to his community:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

1. The City of Panama City Beach honors the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Mayor Philip Wayne Griffiths, Sr.
2. From this day forth, Bay Parkway shall be renamed and thereafter forever known as "Philip Griffiths, Sr. Parkway."

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 28th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: 
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynne Fasone, City Clerk