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A RESOLUTION NAMING BEER CAN ISLAND GREER ISLAND

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WHEREAS, a small undeveloped publicly owned coastal barrier island has historically existed in Longboat Pass on the Gulf of Mexico side of the Pass, in Manatee County, Florida, and within the town limits of the Town of Longboat Key; and

WHEREAS, during past years this island became known as Beer Can Island due to the large volume of cans left by visitors to the island; and

WHEREAS, during recent years this island has gradually become connected to Longboat Key by accretion; and

WHEREAS, upon becoming physically connected to Longboat Key, developers began making ownership claims to the island; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedicated efforts of Homer and Mary Greer, this island has remained in public ownership and is currently owned by the County of Mnatee, Florida as a coastal preservation area; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedicated efforts of Homer and Mary Greer, this coastal preservation area, with its stands of sea oats and mangroves remains today a place of unspoiled beauty and is the only natural undeveloped Gulf coastal property on Longboat Key - a constant reminder of how Longboat Key used to be; and

WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Homer and Mary Greer, the name Beer Can Island has long ceased to be descriptive of this beautiful coastal property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida that:

1. This coastal preserve area, formerly known as Beer Can Island, be henceforth known as Greer Island in honor of the kind, gentle and dedicated couple who saved this beautiful place of our natural heritage.

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2. The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida will take all reasonable and necessary steps to see that this change of names is accepted and recognized Federally by the United States Department of the Interior, Georgraphic Names.

3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

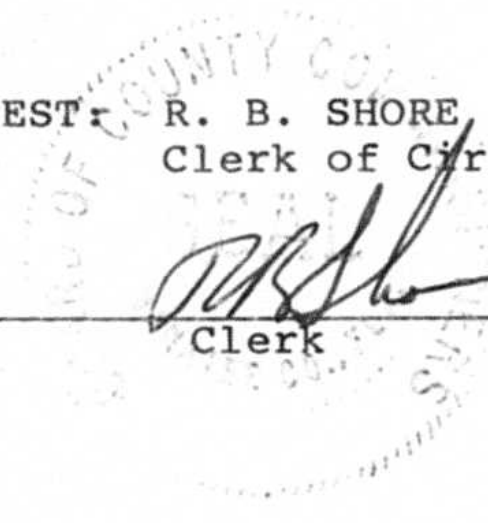
ADOPTED WITH A QUORUM present and voting this 15th day of March, 1983.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Richard H. Helle*  
Chairman 3/15/83

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE  
Clerk of Circuit Court

*R. B. Shore*  
Clerk



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