

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF PALMETTO RENAME LINCOLN PARK TO THE COACH EDDIE SHANNON PARK & AQUATIC CENTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Coach Eddie Shannon, Jr. was born on March 7, 1922, in Palmetto, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon proudly served in the United States Navy from 1940 until 1943; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon later attended Florida A&M University graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science Degree, and a double major in Industrial Education and Physical Education.

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon was appointed the Athletic Director of the 13th Avenue Community Recreation Center and Assistant Coach and Trainer at Lincoln High School in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon served as the Head Football Coach, the Basketball Coach, the Dean of Students, and the Athletic Director at Lincoln High School from 1964 until 1969; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon served as the Assistant Football Coach at Manatee High School from 1969 until 1995, and remains actively involved with the football program today; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmetto presented Coach Shannon with its *Key to the City* in 1996, in recognition of his many years of service as a coach, mentor, leader and educator to the County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon had the distinct honor of being selected as an Olympic Torch Bearer as part of the Torch Relay for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Coach Shannon was named *Citizen of the Year*, by Manatee River Fair Association; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon is a five-time recipient of the Omega Psi Phi *Man of the Year Award* in 1986, 1991, 2001, 2007 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon is a member of the Twin City Male Gospel Chorus, is an active member of the St. Johns Institutional First Baptist Church, and has served as a board member at the Palmetto Youth Center for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners finds that Coach Shannon's integrity and the innumerable positive contributions to this community more than qualify him for the honor bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmetto ("City") and the County have, over a period of approximately 20 years, cooperated to improve, maintain and operate a public park, owned by and located within the boundaries of the City, commonly known as Lincoln Park (the "Park"); and

WHEREAS, effective as of September 15, 1998, the City and the County entered into the Lincoln Park Reimbursement Agreement to provide for funding of the purchase of additional lands for the Park; and

WHEREAS, effective as of February 29, 2000, the City and the County entered into a Lincoln Park Lease Use and Maintenance Agreement, by which the City leased the Park to the County, subject to mutual obligations for the operation and maintenance of the Park; and

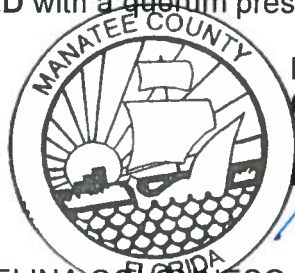
WHEREAS, the City, the Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency and the County are currently cooperating in the design, permitting and construction of a public swimming pool at the Park to the extent funds are legally available for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows.

1. The Board hereby respectfully requests that the City name and designate the Park as the "Coach Eddie Shannon Park & Aquatic Center."
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 27th day of July, 2021.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNISO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: Robin Ruth DC
Deputy Clerk