Town of Belleair

Legislation Text

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Summary

To: Town Commission
From: Cathy Dekarzf
Date: 8/15/2017

Subject:
Approval of Resolution 2017-16: Honoring Garrett January

Summary:
For his exemplary acts of courtesy and citizenship explained below, the Town of Belleair would like to honor Garrett January with a formal resolution thanking him for his service, and with a ceremonial key to the Town.
Previous Commission Action: None.

Background/Problem Discussion: On the evening of Friday, June 16, 2017, nine year-old Garrett January and his mother witnessed a pontoon boat stranded near their home in Belleair during low tide. As this is something that often happens there during low tide, Garrett and his mother were not immediately concerned; however, when their doorbell rang at 7:00 pm that evening and they were greeted by a young man in a life jacket asking for their help, Garrett immediately sprang into action. While speaking to the individual at their door, the Januarys realized that there were three individuals still on the boat: a 75 year-old grandfather, his 17 year-old grandson, and their 12 year-old friend - at least one of which did not know how to swim. Without hesitation, Garrett lent the young man at their door his paddleboard and Garrett went out in his own kayak to bring the grandson to shore. With the help of the January's neighbor (John Hail), all of the individuals on the pontoon boat were safely brought to shore that night. However, Garrett's assistance in particular is noteworthy - not just for his age, but also for his determination to help those in need. It is for these reasons that the Town would like to honor Garrett for his service and citizenship by presenting him with a formal resolution and a ceremonial key to the Town of Belleair.

Expenditure Challenges None.

Financial Implications: None.

Recommendation: None.

Proposed Motion I make a motion to honor Garrett January's act of service and award him with a ceremonial key to the Town of Belleair.