



Legislation Text

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Summary

To: Town Commission
From: Cathy Dekarz
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Subject:

“Spirit of Belleair” Award Recommendation for Miss Victoria Solonina

Summary:

Previously, the Town has awarded select residents a Humanitarian Service Award for their dedication to serving our nation or society at-large. These individuals have typically been tied to a specific cause, which is often militaristic or philanthropic in nature. However, when the discussion regarding nominating Miss Victoria Solonina for the Humanitarian Service Award was brought to Town staff, staff realized that Miss Victoria’s service was unique, and should perhaps be honored in a new way. It is for these reasons (and those listed below) that Town staff recommends the creation of a new award, the “Spirit of Belleair Award,” in that its inaugural presentation shall go posthumously to Miss Victoria Solonina.

Previous Commission Action: At the February 7 Commission meeting, Mayor Katica expressed interest in honoring Miss Victoria Solonina for her service to the Town of Belleair.

Background/Problem Discussion:

Recommendation per Mayor Gary H. Katica:

Miss Victoria was a world-renowned concert pianist and long-time Belleair resident who continuously gave back to our community through her music, and who sadly passed away in February of this year. A fan and performer of classical music (her favorites being Chopin’s Polonaise and the Gershwin Brothers), Miss Victoria starred in many Belleair concerts, for which she donated her services to packed houses. It is for her commitment to serving Belleair, and for her embodiment of civic duty and community pride, that I would like to recommend Miss Victoria for the “Spirit of Belleair” award for 2017.

Expenditure Challenges None.

Financial Implications: None.

Recommendation: None.

Proposed Motion I make a motion to posthumously award Miss Victoria Solonina the 2017 “Spirit of Belleair” award.