

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 41

A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF THE GANDY BRIDGE ON U.S. 92 LOCATED WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF HILLSBOROUGH AND PINELLAS COUNTIES AS THE AWF3 MOHAMMED "MO" HAITHAM MEMORIAL WAY.

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2019, AWF3 Mohammed "Mo" Haitham, a member of the U.S. Navy, was killed in the line of duty at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, during a tragic mass shooting incident; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Haitham sustained fatal injuries after he intervened to stop the attack, distracting the gunman and allowing critical time for others to reach safety, and was posthumously awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Medal for his exceptional heroism and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Haitham was a 2018 graduate of Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg, where he was a star athlete and later joined the Navy, following in his mother's footsteps; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature adopted HB 389 during the 2024 Florida Legislative Session, designating those portions of the Gandy Bridge on U.S. 92 within Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties as the AWF3 Mohammed "Mo" Haitham Memorial Way; and

WHEREAS, Section 334.071(3), Florida Statutes, requires that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting the designation of the AWF3 Mohammed "Mo" Haitham Memorial Way before any markers identifying the Way are placed; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners supports such designation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, duly assembled on this 30th day of July 2024, that it supports the honorary designation of those portions of the Gandy Bridge on U.S. 92 located within the geographical boundaries of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties as the AWF3 Mohammed "Mo" Haitham Memorial Way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the minutes of the proceedings of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners where this Resolution was adopted and that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, Florida.

Commissioner Flowers offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Scott and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: Peters, Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Justice, Latvala, and Long.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Jewel White
Office of the County Attorney