

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
INSTRUCTING THE CITY MANAGER TO LOOK
FOR A CITY PARK, FACILITY, OR OTHER SPACE
TO DEDICATE IN HONOR OF LEONA COOPER.

WHEREAS, LEONA COOPER was born in Nassau, N.P., Bahamas in 1932 and migrated to south Florida as a teenager. Leona untimely passing was on November 4, 2022 and was preceded in death by husband William Cooper of 58 years, children, grandchildren and great-grand children; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation from Miami's Booker T. Washington High School, she began an over 40-year career in medical technology in clinical laboratories at local hospitals, retiring in 2002 from the Miami Veterans Administration Medical Center as a Supervisory Microbiologist; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper was a long-time Coral Gables resident who served on several boards in the city, and with her late husband, became very active in the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association. A life-long Roman Catholic, she founded in 1986 the St. Martin de Porres Association, an organization committed to improving the status of Black Lay Catholics in the Archdiocese of Miami; and

WHEREAS, in December 1992, Leona was presented with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Award from Pope John Paul II, in addition to receiving numerous other awards for her professional, civic, and religious accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:


SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby instruct the City Manager to look for and bring to the City Commission an appropriate park, facility, or space to dedicate in honor of Leona Cooper.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2022.
(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Anderson)
(Unanimous Voice Vote)
(Non-Agenda Item)

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