

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-157**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DESIGNATING THE 300 BLOCK OF ARAGON AVENUE AS "NINO PERNETTI WAY" IN HONOR OF CAFFE ABBRACCI OWNER NINO PERNETTI.

**WHEREAS**, Perneti was born in post-World War II Italy, in the tiny town of Campione, which was a 30-minute ride on his father's bicycle from the nearest town; and

**WHEREAS**, one of eight children, Perneti lost his mother at age 3 when both contracted typhus, but he survived; and

**WHEREAS**, Perneti discovered his interest in hospitality while working in a small bed-and-breakfast in the touristy town of Limone, and eventually enrolled in hospitality school, where he found he preferred working the front of the house to the kitchen; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent the next 15 years working in some of the top hotels in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America--learning new languages everywhere he went; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987, Perneti opened his first restaurant, Caffe Baci, in Coral Gables, a lively spot where people came to see and be seen; and

**WHEREAS**, two year later, Perneti opened Caffe Abbracci just a few blocks away, and he soon realized he preferred the more intimate setting and guests preferred to dine wherever he was situated- so he closed Baci and focused on Abbracci; and

**WHEREAS**, Perneti projected an air of discretion, personally and at his restaurant; and

**WHEREAS**, he was an avid reader, and lover of knowledge, and spent countless evenings conversing warmly with his patrons in up to seven different languages; and

**WHEREAS**, he was well-known and well-loved by the Coral Gables community and greater South Florida region, and many affluent, influential, and famous locals were regulars at Caffe Abbracci; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2019, Nino Perneti was awarded a Key to the City by Coral Gables Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli for his contributions to the culinary fabric of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Perneti contracted COVID-19 in December 2020, just days after a forthcoming vaccine was announced and struggled with the side effects of the virus for more than a year, passing away from complications on May 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, even in the hospital, he continued reading voraciously and sending texts to his managers at Caffe Abbracci when he couldn't speak; and

**WHEREAS**, Perneti is survived by siblings Diego, Olivo and Lucia in Italy, and his daughters, Tatiana and Katerina, in Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed March 14, 2022, Nino Perneti Day, and presented a plaque to his daughters, Tatiana and Katerina, as well as his ex-wife Marlén Perneti; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to recognize Nino Perneti, the long-time business owner of Café Abbracci, by designating the 300 Block of Aragon Avenue as “Nino Perneti Way”.

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

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission hereby designates the 300 Block of Aragon Avenue as “Nino Perneti Way” and authorizes the City Manager to erect the appropriate signage.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2022.

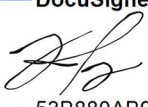
(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Fors, Jr.)

(Yeas: Anderson, Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Lago)


(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: C-5)


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