CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND COORDINATION WITH THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER TO BE LOCATED AT THE WAR MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, this program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1945 the National Council of State Garden Clubs began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, today Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veterans facilities and gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the War Memorial Youth Center is a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces;

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 specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby authorize the purchase of a Blue Star Memorial Marker for approximately \$1,500.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission further authorizes the installation of the marker at the War Memorial Youth Center located at 405 University Drive.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2018. (Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Lago) (Unanimous Voice Vote) (Agenda Item: D-1)

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APPROVED: UL VALDES-FAULI MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN CITY CLERK

> APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS CITY ATTORNEY