

RESOLUTION No. 2009-178-1124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RENAMING LAKE LUCERNE PARK, LOCATED AT 20701 NORTHWEST 22ND AVENUE TO "BENNETT M. LIFTER" PARK; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Bennett M. Lifter was a visionary in this community long before it became the City of Miami Gardens, and

WHEREAS, as a realtor and developer, Mr. Lifter owned approximately 200 acres of land in the Lake Lucerne neighborhood where he built over 1,000 apartments during the 1970s and 1980s, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lifter spent time and money in this community even though other developers decided to develop elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lifter changed many of the rental properties he owned into single family homes in order to provide stability to the Lake Lucerne neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lifter often referred to the City of Miami Gardens as the "heart of the hub of Miami-Dade County," and

WHEREAS, for more than 15 years Mr. Lifter invested his own funds to beautify and maintain the landscaping and sidewalks along Northwest 177th Street, and was noted for donating a parcel of land located on the Northwest corner of 207th Street and 22nd Avenue to Miami-Dade County to be designated as Lake Lucerne Park, and

WHEREAS, over the years Mr. Lifter made countless donations in support of summer camp programs at the park and provided necessary resources to neighborhood schools in the City of Miami Gardens area, and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 27, 2009, Mr. Lifter passed away leaving a great legacy, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Campbell is proposing that in order to cement Mr. Lifter's legacy in the City of Miami Gardens, that the City of Miami Gardens rename Lake Lucerne Park to "Bennett M. Lifter Park,"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

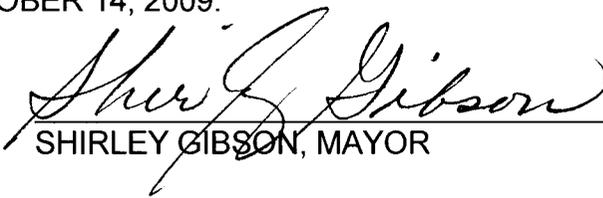
Section 2. RENAMING: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby approves renaming Lake Lucerne Park, located at 20701 Northwest 22 Avenue to "Bennett M. Lifter Park."

Section 3. INSTRUCTION TO THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager is hereby instructed to take any and all steps necessary to rename Lake Lucerne Park to "Bennett M. Lifter Park."

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2009.

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: AARON CAMPBELL, JR., COUNCILMAN

MOVED BY: Councilman Campbell
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell Jr.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)