

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33522, WHICH DIRECTED THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE MIAMI BEACH GARDEN CLUB TO INSTALL BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKERS AT CANOPY PARK, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FLAGPOLE FLYING THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

WHEREAS, during the December 11, 2024 Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC"), to discuss possible installation of Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers at Canopy Park, at the urging of the Miami Beach Garden Club (MBGC) and Miami Beach Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3599; and

WHEREAS, during the January 29, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the item was discussed and the MBGC representatives gave a brief history regarding the Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Committee agreed with the initiative and the placement within Canopy Park; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Marker Program, which honors all men and women who serve in the United States Armed Services, has been in existence under the auspices of the National Garden Clubs for more than 79 years; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star and Gold Star were adopted because they had become icons in World War II and were seen on flags and banners in homes, churches and businesses, for sons and daughters away at war and for those who had lost their lives, and the Blue Star represents hope and pride, while the Gold Star represents sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the marker that the MBGC proposes to install was originally dedicated in Key West in 1949 then gifted to the MBGC, and MBGC refurbished and dedicated the Marker at the terminus of the Julia Tuttle Causeway on State Road 907 (Alton Road) in May of 1980 where it served as a Memorial Marker for 49 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 it was replaced with a new Blue Star Memorial Marker at the same location and the first Florida marker was decommissioned as a Memorial Marker, and MBGC is seeking to designate it as a Historical marker; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star and Gold Star will be placed in Canopy Park with a dedication plaque, making the Gold Star, representing the fallen while defending our county and freedoms, the first in Miami-Dade County and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to refurbish and install the Blue Star, Gold Star, and a dedication plaque is \$15,000, and this expense will be covered by the current FY 2025 Parks and Recreation budget; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2025, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2025-33522, accepting the recommendation of the Committee and directing

Administration work with the Miami Beach Garden Club to install Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers at Canopy Park; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Blue and Gold Star memorial markers in Canopy Park be accompanied by the installation of a flagpole flying the United States flag to further honor and symbolize national service and patriotism.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby amend Resolution No. 2025-33522, which directed the Administration to work with the Miami Beach Garden Club to install Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers at Canopy Park, to further provide for the installation of a flagpole flying the United States flag.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

6/18/2025
Date