

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 83

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE WEST AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY CENTER THE "SOLOMON CALHOUN COMMUNITY CENTER"

WHEREAS, the Community Center located in West Augustine is scheduled for a grand opening within the next thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the West Augustine CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) has requested that the above-referenced Community Center be named the "Solomon Calhoun Community Center"; and

WHEREAS, Solomon Calhoun was a long time educator and coach in the St. Johns County community; and

WHEREAS, Solomon Calhoun was a mentor to many young children in the St. Johns County community; and

WHEREAS, Solomon Calhoun was an All-American Football player at Florida A & M University; and

WHEREAS, Solomon Calhoun lived an exemplary life from 1905 until 1989; and

WHEREAS, the County has followed and met the naming policies, set forth in County Resolution 99-152; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Recreation Advisory Board has submitted a letter of support (attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, to date, there has been no registered opposition to naming the Community Center in West Augustine, the "Solomon Calhoun Community Center"; and there has been a resident initiative to name the recently opened West Augustine Community Center after a notable community representative; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the naming of the West Augustine Community Center the "Solomon Calhoun Community Center" is consistent, and in accordance with applicable County policies; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that naming the West Augustine Community Center the "Solomon Calhoun Community Center" will serve the interests of both community and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the naming of the West Augustine Community Center, the "Solomon Calhoun Community Center".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 7th day of April, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:

Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

By:

Cyndi Stevenson
Cyndi Stevenson, Chair

RENDITION DATE 4/9/09



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March 25, 2009

The Honorable Cyndi Stevenson
500 San Sebastian View
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Dear Chairman Stevenson:

At the March 5, 2009 meeting, the Recreation Advisory Board was approached with a request from the West Augustine CRA Steering Committee, the West Augustine Advisory Committee and the West Augustine Improvement Association to name the new West Augustine community center, *Solomon Calhoun West Augustine District Park* or *Solomon Calhoun Community Center*.

Calhoun graduated from Florida A & M, and was a principal at Excelsior High School. He was the first black man to be an All-American. He was well respected in the community and an outstanding role model.

Based upon the information received by this Board, and in keeping with the naming policies set forth in Resolution 99-152, we recommend the park be designated Solomon Calhoun Community Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alfred Guido
Chairman
Recreation Advisory Board

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cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator
Recreation Advisory Board record