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## **CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY**

April 20, 2010  
11:30 a.m.  
City Commission Chambers, First Floor, City Hall

### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

#### **PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The Citizens' Committee of Recognition has recommended the following individuals for the City of Fort Lauderdale's most prestigious awards, the Citizen Recognition Awards.

Exemplary Former City Employee:	John F. Hoelzle
Honored Founder:	The late Rev. Robert Paul Kelley
Distinguished Citizen:	The late Peter Feldman
Citizen of the Year:	James Theodore "Ted" Fling

#### **UNVEILING OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN PLAQUE IN CITY HALL COURTYARD**

#### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AND LUNCHEON**

##### **Citizens' Committee of Recognition**

The Honorable Robert O. Cox  
The Honorable Robert A. Dressler, Chair  
The Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Jr.  
The Honorable James Naugle  
E. Birch Willey  
Eugenia Duncan Ellis

##### **Fort Lauderdale City Commission**

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Vice Mayor Romney Rogers, District IV  
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, District I  
Commissioner Charlotte E. Rodstrom, District II  
Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose, District III

George Gretsas, City Manager

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARDS  
April 20, 2010 – 11:30 am – City Commission Chambers**

**CEREMONY OVERVIEW**

Honorees gather in the City Commission Chambers.

**Mayor Seiler**

Welcome guests and honorees

Recognize former honorees who may be present

Recognize members of the Citizens' Committee of Recognition

Mayor Robert Dressler, Chair

Mayor Robert O. Cox

Mayor James Naugle

Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr.

Genia Ellis

E. Birch Willey

Acknowledge other guests

Provide brief background of the Citizen Recognition Awards program

**Presentation of Citizen Recognition Awards**

**John F. Hoelzle**

**Exemplary Former City Employee**

**The late Robert Paul Kelley**

**Honored Founder**

**The late Peter Feldman**

**Distinguished Citizen**

**James Theodore "Ted" Fling**

**Citizen of the Year**

***Honorees and guests proceed outside to the City Hall courtyard  
for the unveiling of the Distinguished Citizen plaque.***

***Photo Opportunity and Lunch***

# CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Fort Lauderdale initiated the Citizen Recognition Program in 1972. The purpose of the program is to give public recognition to citizens who contributed in significant ways to the development of this community.

Honorees are selected by the Citizens' Committee of Recognition, which consists of all former Mayors of Fort Lauderdale as well as one former honoree and the President of the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations. The Committee's recommendations are forwarded to the City Commission for approval. Members of the Citizens' Committee of Recognition include:

Genia Ellis, Chair

Robert O. Cox

Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr.

Robert Dressler

E. Birch Willey

James Naugle

In 1983, the Citizens' Committee of Recognition recommended that effective in 1984, the Citizen Recognition Program would be revised to include a Citizen of the Year and a Distinguished Citizen honoree. The program was again amended in 1989 to include an Honored Founder category effective in 1990. In 1997, the category of Exemplary Former City Employee was added.

Since the inception of the Citizen Recognition Program, 101 outstanding citizens have received such honors.

## DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

- ◆ The **Distinguished Citizen** award is given to that resident of the community who has contributed to the development of the community over a number of years (i.e., a pioneer).

### Previous Honorees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
A. V. Moniger	1972
Annie Beck	1975
I. A. (Pop) Sterling	1976
H. D. (Pop) Leavitt	1977
William J. Eastman	1978
Susie C. Holly	1979
August Burghard	1979
Lewis Moore	1980
Byron Snyder	1981
N. B. Cheaney	1982
James Evert	1983
George W. English	1984
Virginia S. Young	1985
Evelyn F. Bartlett	1986
William Forrest (Buck) Dawson	1987
Lewis W. Parker	1988
John H. Monahan	1988
Gene A. Whiddon	1989
John H. Payne, III	1990
E. Clay Shaw, Jr.	1991
Evelyn Lewis	1992
Rev. Dr. O. S. Hawkins	1993
Robert O. Cox	1994
Jack Nelson	1995
Birch Willey	1996
Carl Mayhue	1997
Jan Charbonnet Crocker	1998
Kaye Pearson	1999
Ralph Marrinson	2000
Commissioner Jim Scott	2001
The Honorable W. Herbert Moriarty and The Honorable Estella Moriarty	2002
Samuel F. Morrison	2003
Robert Lochrie, Jr.	2004
Laura Ward	2005
Douglas P. Eagon	2006
Robert Dressler	2007
John E. Aurelius	2008
Frederic E. Stresau	2009

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

- ◆ The **Citizen of the Year** award is for that person who, in the opinion of the Committee and the City Commission, has made the greatest contribution to the community in the current year. The Citizen of the Year must be a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

### Previous Honorees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Joan Mikus	1984
Benjamin Williams	1985
Sandra S. Casteel	1986
Joyce E. Quinby	1987
Ina Lee	1988
Dr. Nathan Fragen	1989
Welcom H. Watson, Sr.	1990
Linda L. Gill	1991
Raymond F. Letts	1991
William Lindsey	1992
Michael S. Egan	1993
Tommy Mercer	1994
Tom Andrew	1995
Earl Lifshey	1996
Johnny Alexander	1997
H. Wayne Huizenga	1998
Terry Stiles	1999
Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly	2000
Bill Keith	2001
Tim Schiavone	2002
Ray Ferrero, Jr.	2003
William G. Crawford, Jr.	2004
Eugenia "Genia" Duncan Ellis	2005
Alan Hooper	2006
Frank Herhold	2007
Courtney Crush	2008
Essie "Big Mama" Reid	2009

## HONORED FOUNDER

- ◆ The **Honored Founder** award is for a courageous citizen who prepared the way for future growth and harmony in Fort Lauderdale. This person may be deceased.

### Previous Honorees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Grace E. Vanderhorst Mizel	1990
Ivy (Julia) Cromartie Stranahan	1991
Floyd Hull	1992
Julian E. Ross, Sr.	1993
Philip Dressler	1994
J. H. Philpott	1994
Mary J. Wilson	1995
John V. Russell	1996
Edgar L. Patterson	1997
Barbara B. Payne	1998
Porter Reynolds	1999
William F. Bigoney	2000
George Gill	2001
Andrew DeGraffenreidt	2002
Richard A. Mills, Jr.	2003
W. George Allen	2004
Marjorie A. Davis	2005
Robert L. Elmore	2006
Thomas Wells <i>and</i>	2007
Richard Wells	2007
Robert E. Cox	2008
Ted E. Drum	2009

## EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE

- ◆ The **Exemplary Former City Employee** category was initiated in 1997. The award recognizes a former City employee who has served the citizens of Fort Lauderdale for a significant number of years and whose service has made a significant impact on the development and quality of life for the community. This person may be retired, deceased or separated from the City.

### Previous Honorees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Robert H. Bubier	1997
Connie Hoffmann	1998
James O. Hill	1999
George L. Hanbury	2000
Thomas L. Tapp	2001
Charles H. Ritchie	2002
Dennis E. Lyles	2003
Lucy Kisela	2004
Hector D. Castro	2005
Scott Russell	2006
Cecelia Ward	2007
Ron Cochran	2008
Michael Pursell	2009

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In 1999, a one-time special award for Distinguished Service was given posthumously to Ron Cochran.

**RESOLUTION NO.  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
SELECTING AND HONORING  
JOHN F. HOELZLE  
AS EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 2010**

WHEREAS, John F. Hoelzle, born in Long Island, New York, earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, John F. Hoelzle began his illustrious career with the City of Fort Lauderdale in 1996 as the Fleet Services Manager and on May 28, 2000 became the Assistant Parking and Central Services Manager and was promoted to Parking and Fleet Services Manager in August 2004 and subsequently, promoted to Director of Parking and Fleet Services and served the City in that capacity until his retirement in 2009; and

WHEREAS, during John's tenure in Parking and Fleet Services, he made the following significant contributions to the City:

- The City's first pay-by-phone Interactive Voice Response system to supplement web-based parking citation payments
- A permanent Residential Parking Permit Program that improved the quality of life of those living in participating neighborhoods
- Initiated improvements to the City Park Garage that enhanced the aesthetics of the garage, revamped the interior lighting, and replaced all four elevators and did so without taxpayer funding or debt
- Received the Honorable Mention from the International Parking Institute for Innovative Programs for the GIS system and Excellence in Rehabilitative Projects for the CPG rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, because of John's proactive management of Fleet Services, the following improvements were made and national awards received:

- Established a comprehensive annual Fleet Plan to promote budgetary and fiscal soundness
- Re-established the reserve fund to ensure the timely replacement of vehicles, saving the City and its taxpayers excessive maintenance and repair costs
- Received the prestigious honor of having the City's Fleet Services selected by the 100 Best Fleets Program as the ninth best out of the 38,000 North American public fleets
- Successfully completed the rigors of National Certification in less than two years and received the coveted Crystal Award for National Fleet Certification, a status attained by only twelve fleets in the entire fleet management industry; and

WHEREAS, John F. Hoelzle's contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale brought distinction to the Department of Parking and Fleet Services and;

WHEREAS, John F. Hoelzle has left an indelible mark of excellence in service and performance throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That John F. Hoelzle is hereby selected and honored as Exemplary Former City Employee of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 in recognition of his many accomplishments and valuable contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby publicly recognizes and acknowledges these achievements and contributions and does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to John F. Hoelzle.

Section 2: That a plaque honoring John F. Hoelzle as Exemplary Former City Employee of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 shall be placed in Fort Lauderdale City Hall.

Section 3: That a parchment copy of this Resolution shall be furnished by the City Clerk to John F. Hoelzle as a further token of the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

ADOPTED this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Mayor  
John P. "Jack" Seiler

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
Jonda K. Joseph



RESOLUTION NO.  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
SELECTING AND HONORING  
ROBERT PAUL KELLEY  
AS HONORED FOUNDER FOR 2010**

WHEREAS, Robert Paul Kelley was born in Alliance, Ohio and came to Fort Lauderdale in 1965 as the pastor of the First Christian Church and began his life's work of advocating for the poor and less fortunate in our community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Paul Kelley graduated from Mount Union College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Bachelors of Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary and a Masters of Science from Nova University in Counseling Psychology; and

WHEREAS, Robert Paul Kelley married Mary C. Kelley and they are the parents of Bob, Tim, Kathleen and Alice and the proud grandparents of Shannon, Erin, Megan, Colleen, Jerry, Patricia and Heather; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to helping the downtrodden lead him to become a champion for those who needed housing assistance in the late 1960s with the construction of the L.A. Lee Terrace Apartments and later with Sistrunk Gardens and Sunnyreach Apartments; and

WHEREAS, his unselfish commitment to the underserved youth, adults and families in the City of Fort Lauderdale is evidenced by the numerous awards and accolades he has received, such as being named Child Advocate of the Year by the Children's Consortium in 1995 and by the Crawford Center in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Robert Paul Kelley served our City, County, State and Nation as a representative on boards, committees and commissions, such as the City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority, the Child Advocacy Committee of Broward County, the Governor's Task Force on Crime Prevention and the Commission on Budget Evaluation of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Robert Paul Kelley tried to bridge the gap between the haves and the have-nots in the City of Fort Lauderdale and in 2005 the Housing Authority honored his commitment to those who did not have an advocate by naming their headquarters the Robert P. Kelley Building; and

WHEREAS, the life of Robert Paul Kelley truly personifies this passage of scripture found in Matthew 25, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That Robert Paul Kelley is hereby selected and honored as Honored Founder of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 in recognition of his many accomplishments and valuable contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby publicly recognizes and acknowledges these achievements and contributions and does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to Robert Paul Kelley.

Section 2: That a plaque honoring Robert Paul Kelley as Honored Founder of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 shall be placed in the lobby of Fort Lauderdale City Hall.

Section 3: That a parchment copy of this Resolution shall be furnished by the City Clerk to Robert Paul Kelley as a further token of the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

ADOPTED this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010

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Mayor  
John P. "Jack" Seiler

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
Jonda K. Joseph

**RESOLUTION NO.  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
SELECTING AND HONORING  
PETER FELDMAN  
AS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN FOR 2010**

WHEREAS, Peter Feldman was an imaginative, creative thinker who contemplated how to move Fort Lauderdale to a new phase with character and amenities of a new urban city; and

WHEREAS, Peter Feldman was a member of the Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation for over ten years and was a strong supporter of its mission to create quality, affordable homes for low to very low income residents in our City; and

WHEREAS, Peter Feldman worked tirelessly to establish the Northwest-Progresso Flagler Community Redevelopment Agency to plan and define redevelopment opportunities for northwest Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and dedication to the City of Fort Lauderdale and its residents was demonstrated through the many organizations he supported, including Jack and Jill, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Broward Partnership for the Homeless and the Children's Home Society and

WHEREAS, Peter Feldman was a consummate ambassador for the City of Fort Lauderdale serving as a member of the Downtown Development Authority, the Transportation Management Association and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Board; and

WHEREAS, seeing potential in everyone and every situation, Peter Feldman worked to develop that potential which led him to spearhead the creation of the Flagler Village Improvement Association to create a brand for Flagler Heights that would enhance redevelopment opportunities for an area that historically had been overlooked; and

WHEREAS, Peter Feldman was a non-conventional, spirited, and benevolent visionary who used his talents for the betterment of the City of Fort Lauderdale for present and future citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That Peter Feldman is hereby selected and honored as Distinguished Citizen of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 in recognition of his many accomplishments and valuable contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby publicly recognizes and acknowledges these achievements and contributions and does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to Peter Feldman.

Section 2: That a bronze plaque honoring Peter Feldman as Distinguished Citizen of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 shall be placed in the courtyard of Fort Lauderdale City Hall.

Section 3: That a parchment copy of this Resolution shall be furnished by the City Clerk to the family of Peter Feldman as a further token of the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

ADOPTED this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Mayor  
John P. "Jack" Seiler

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
Jonda K. Joseph

**RESOLUTION NO.  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
SELECTING AND HONORING  
JAMES THEODORE "TED" FLING  
AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2010**

WHEREAS, James Theodore "Ted" Fling, has been a committed volunteer and community activist throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale for many years, having served multiple terms on the board of directors of the Victoria Park Civic Association, Inc., including being current President, past Vice President and past Traffic Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, James Theodore "Ted" Fling serves as an unofficial neighborhood peacemaker, finding compromise where there is conflict; and

WHEREAS, James Theodore "Ted" Fling is a member of Citizen on Patrol for the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department, pulling a dedicated shift each week; and

WHEREAS, James Theodore "Ted" Fling serves the City of Fort Lauderdale diligently as a member of the Citizens Police Review Board, the Neighborhood Criteria Redistricting Committee, the Crime Committee of Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association (CFLCA), and the Neighborhood Sub-Committee of the Homeless Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, his commitment and staunch support of the City of Fort Lauderdale is evidenced by his active involvement with code enforcement, and his participation in Downtown Development Authority meetings, City Commission meetings and the Forum of Fort Lauderdale meetings; and

WHEREAS, James Theodore "Ted" Fling is an invaluable source of knowledge of all things Fort Lauderdale, from city history to politicians, to police and firefighters; and

WHEREAS, James Theodore "Ted" Fling a long-time resident and advocate for the overall enhancement of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the preservation of our quality of life, James Theodore "Ted" Fling exemplifies the best and highest principles of volunteer service and civic duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That James Theodore "Ted" Fling is hereby selected and honored as Citizen of the Year of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2010 in recognition of his many accomplishments and valuable contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby publicly recognizes and acknowledges these achievements and contributions and does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to James Theodore "Ted" Fling.

Section 2: That a plaque honoring James Theodore "Ted" Fling as Citizen of the Year of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2009 shall be presented to him.

Section 3: That a parchment copy of this Resolution shall be furnished by the City Clerk to James Theodore "Ted" Fling as a further token of the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

ADOPTED this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Mayor  
John P. "Jack" Seiler

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
Jonda K. Joseph