

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

**APRIL 17, 2007 – 11:30 A.M.  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, CITY HALL**

Present: Mayor Naugle, Vice Mayor Hutchinson, Commissioners Teel and Rodstrom

Absent: Commissioner Moore

Also Present: City Manager                      George Gretsas  
City Auditor                                  John Herbst  
City Clerk                                      Jonda K. Joseph  
City Attorney                                 Harry A. Stewart  
Sergeant At Arms                          John Kane

Mayor Naugle welcomed everyone. He said the City established the Citizen Recognition Program in 1972 to give public recognition to citizens who contributed in significant ways to the development of this community. Honorees are selected by the Citizen Committee of Recognition which consists of all of the 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 this committee include: Robert Dressler, Robert Cox, Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Eugenia Ellis, and Birch Willey.

Mayor Naugle said in 1983 the program was revised to include Citizen of the Year and Distinguished Citizen Honoree. The program was again amended in 1989 to include the Honored Founder category and in 1997 the category of Exemplary Former City Employee. Since the inception of the Citizens Recognition Program, eighty outstanding citizens have received such honors.

Mayor Naugle also recognized former elected officials in attendance:

Dick Mills  
Jack Latona  
Dean Trantalis  
Andrew DeGraffenreidt  
Robert Dressler  
Former City Clerk Chris Mills.

**2007 Citizen of the Year – Frank Herhold**

Commissioner Teel said she is honored to present the Citizen of the Year award to Frank Herhold.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND  
HONORING FRANK HERHOLD AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

FOR 2007

Frank Herhold thanked the City Commission and said that everything he does involves teamwork, partnership and support of family. He acknowledged the Marine Industries Association of South Florida and their partners. He also thanked his wife, Mary Jo Herhold.

Mayor Naugle recognized former City Manager Connie Hoffmann and the City Manager of Oakland Park, John Stunson.

**2007 Honored Founder – Thomas E. Wells and the late  
Preston “Dick” A. Wells, Jr.**

Commissioner Rodstrom said she was honored to present the award of Honored Founder to Thomas E. Wells and the late Dick Wells.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND  
HONORING THOMAS E. WELLS JR. AND THE LATE  
PRESTON “DICK” A. WELLS JR. AS HONORED FOUNDERS  
FOR 2007.

Thomas Wells thanked the Commission for this honor. He said the City has been good to his family. His uncle Preston Wells was the first family member to come to Fort Lauderdale in 1930. At that time the City had a population of 2,000, and the County had a population of slightly over 8,000.

**2007 Exemplary Former City Employee – Cecelia Ward, AICP**

Mayor Naugle was honored to present the Exemplary Former City Employee award to Cecelia Magro-Ward.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND  
HONORING CECILIA WARD AS EXEMPLARY FORMER  
CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 2007.

Cecelia Ward thanked the City Commission for this great honor. She said the honor extends to the Mayor, Commissioners, and former elected officials, along with the appointed officials of the City who dedicated their time and efforts. She said co-workers helped her and supported her in achieving the goals she set for herself and the department. Many citizens dedicated selflessly of their time to improve the quality of life for themselves and the community. She also thanked her family and friends for their support, and her daughter who kept her on balance. She stated that her deceased husband, Ted, gave her wonderful support, both professionally and personally. She thanked her current husband Joey, for his support and friendship. She added that Christ

Jesus was the most important person in her life who she gives all the glory to and without whom she would be nothing.

**2007 Distinguished Citizen – Robert A. Dressler**

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said she was honored to present the Distinguished Citizen award to Robert A. Dressler.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND  
HONORING ROBERT A. DRESSLER AS DISTINGUISHED  
CITIZEN FOR 2007.

Robert Dressler thanked the City Commission for this honor and recognized his mother, Beth Dressler and former wife, Patricia, his son JP, and his daughter, Katie. He said that his minister Dr. Newman is present today, along his assistant, Nancy Gaskins and her husband, Larry and many of his friends. He reminisced about how citizen groups were put together and long-range planning began for the City. It was a great time and everyone worked together, including developers and advocates.

Mr. Dressler recognized people from that time including Bob Cox, Clay Shaw, John Rodstrom, Dick Mills, Connie Hoffman, John Stunson, and Bill Farcus. He said that the advisory boards made things happen and asked for everyone present who had been involved to stand and be recognized. He thanked everyone for giving him the privilege to serve as Mayor.

Mayor Naugle asked all former honorees to stand and be recognized.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.