RESOLUTION 2000 - 168

A RESOLUTION HONORING GEORGE A. CRADY FOR HIS LEGISLATIVE SERVICE, AND COMMENDING HIM FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE CITIZENS OF NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, George A. Crady was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1977 and re-elected every two years after that; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-three (23) years in the Legislature, George A. Crady has served as the House Parliamentarian; Rules Reform Chairman; Rules and Calendar Vice-Chairman; Ethics and Elections Committee Chairman; Chairman of the Duval County Delegation; Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee Co-Chairman; Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee Vice Chairman; as well as serving as a member of the Corrections Committee and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, his Legislative colleagues consistently appointed George Crady to serve on committees that not only vitally affected all of the citizens of the State of Florida, but also provided ethical oversight for the Legislature itself; and

WHEREAS, George A. Crady has received many awards, including the AARP Outstanding Service Award; Outstanding

Legislative Service by the Small County Coalition, and the Quality Florida Award by the League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, George A. Crady has been just plain "George" to all of the citizens of Nassau County and has always been a good neighbor, friend, counselor, advocate, and leader on behalf of every citizen of the County from rich to poor; powerful to powerless - when you needed something - George was there; and

WHEREAS, term limits have caused George to retire from the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 23rd day of October, 2000, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

- 1. On behalf of all the citizens of Nassau County, the Board of County Commissioners honors and commends George A. Crady for his twenty-three (23) years of unselfish devoted Legislative service to all of us.
- 2. The Board of County Commissioners wants all of the citizens to know that George A. Crady worked tirelessly, and many times without recognition, to insure that the citizens of Nassau County received more than their fair share from the Legislature from ball fields to the Council on Aging if it was considered impossible or too difficult George got it done.

3. Further, George was always there and available for any citizen, and his constituent service was unmatched in the Florida Legislature. If any citizen had a problem with a State agency, George solved it.

4. Every citizen should know that George A. Crady was and is the model Legislator - honest, caring, tenacious, and he should always be remembered when you pass a ball field, a library, the Council on Aging, a fishing bridge, or travel a State road as the friend of the citizens who made it all possible, and who helped elevate the ethical standards for the Legislature itself.

5. Thank you George for all that you have done to make Nassau County a better place in which to live and work and for caring for all of us.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

NICK D. DEONAS

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

J./M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JK

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

George A. Crady 823 U.S. Highway 17 Yulee, FL 32097 904/225-5035 904/225-5003 (fax)



Serving Baker, Bradford, Nassau, Union and parts of Duval Counties

RESIDENCE:

Yulee, Florida

OCCUPATION:

Legislator

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

Elected to the House in 1977, re-elected subsequently. House Parliamentarian 1988-1990, 1990-1992 and 1992-1994; Rules Reform Chairman, Rules and Calendar Committee, Vice Chairman 1988-1990; Ethics & Elections Committee, Chairman 1986-1988 and 1990-1992; Chairman of the Duval County Delegation 1989-1990; Rules, Resolutions & Ethics Committee, Co-Chair 1997-1998.

<u>Currently Serving</u>: Criminal Justice Council; Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee, Vice Chair; Corrections Committee; Transportation Committee; Rules & Calendar Committee.

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE:

Nassau County School Advisory Board 1974-1976, Chairman 1975-1976

MILITARY SERVICE:

U.S. Marines 1954-1957, Helicopter Pilot

AFFILIATION (S):

Duval County Young Democrats, President 1964-1965; Yulee P.T.A.; Nassau County Council on Aging, Chairman 1973-1974; Yulee Volunteer Rescue Chief; Lions Club Vice President 1977; Moose Lodge; Nassau County Democratic Executive Committee; Duval County Legislative Delegation; Nassau County Legislative Delegation; Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors; Methodist Hospice Governing Board; United Way Board of Directors [I]ex officio[I] member (1988-1992); Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors [I]ex officio[I] member (1989-1990)

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION GEORGE A. CRADY

HIGHLIGHTS:

Yulee P.T.A. Citizen of the Year (jointly with wife) 1971; [I]Florida Sportsman Magazine[I]; Expert Striped Bass Fisherman; Prime organizer of Nassau Council on Aging; League of Cities "Quality Florida" award 1990; "Stock Holder" for the Amelia Island Chamber of Commerce 1993; Receipt of the AARP Outstanding Service to the Community Award 1994; "Outstanding Legislative Service" award by the Small County Coalition, 1994; Instrumental in securing the "sparsity factor" and "small county kicker" which provided financial assistance to Florida's small counties; Secured 1994 Step-Pay Plan for correction/probation officers; Author of "The Freshman Handbook" and "The Care and Maintenance of a Good Marriage"; Florida Chamber of Commerce "Roll Call" award, 1994.

BORN:

June 14, 1931, Miami, Florida

EDUCATION:

Duke University, B.A., 1953, Phi Kappa Sigma and gymnastics team

Jones Business College, Real Estate

MARRIED: Virginia (Jennie) Lee Roerig of Jacksonville, Florida

CHILDREN: Kim, Lynne, Denise (Dee), Shannon, Jackie and Michele

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Methodist, Methodist Men President

RECREATIONAL INTEREST (S): Gymnastics, swimming and fishing