## RESOLUTION 2002 - 133

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING MARLENE DEUTCHER FOR HER WORK AS THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FOR THE NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Marlene Deutcher, widely known as "Miss Marlene", a Montreal native, came to live and work in Nassau County twenty-two (22) years ago; and

WHEREAS, she established her rapport with youngsters from experience, having first spent five (5) years as Art Director at the Montessori School on Amelia Island and helping with the school's toddler and after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, for the past ten (10) years she has worked with Nassau County children through the Nassau County Public Library System, beginning with a summer volunteer program and evolving into a full-time Children's Librarian position; and

WHEREAS, this job entails her touring all four (4) of the Nassau County Library Branches in Fernandina Beach, Yulee, Callahan, and Hilliard; and

WHEREAS, in this position, she is responsible for children's story hours, where she attracts standing-room-only crowds for toddler time and summer reading programs; and

WHEREAS, "Miss Marlene" has introduced children to the world of reading through her animated, read-aloud story hours and hands-on art projects, especially in schools, where the art program is minimal; and

WHEREAS, in Fernandina Beach alone last year, "Miss Marlene" was responsible for eighty-two (82) children's programs with an attendance of almost three thousand (3,000) children; and

WHEREAS, "Miss Marlene" is also known as an accomplished artist with her vibrant and unique paintings of ladies, pirates, etc., seen in many local art galleries; and

WHEREAS, "Miss Marlene" is retiring her position as Children's Librarian as of the end of July, 2002, and returning to Montreal to take care of her ailing mother.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. Marlene Deutcher, affectionately known as "Miss Marlene", is hereby honored and commended for her ten (10) years of exemplary service to the children of Nassau County as the Children's Librarian in the Nassau County Public Library System.
- 2. The Board sincerely thanks and congratulates Marlene Deutcher for the creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication she has provided in bringing the world of reading and art to the children around the County and, in so doing, touching their lives in countless ways.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its: Chairman

DAVID C. HOWARD MARIANNE MARSHALL ATTEST: Its: Ex-Officio Clerk Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney MICHAEL S. MULLIN h/anne/res/deutcher-res