

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-67

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
MICHAEL S. MULLIN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
NASSAU COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin began his career with Nassau County on August 14, 1984 as County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin also served as counsel to the Clerk of the Courts; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Nassau County has doubled in population, and with this growth came the challenges of dealing with the transition from a primarily small rural county to a larger suburban area, with the accompanying issues of providing adequate public services and infrastructure to the ever-growing population to meet these needs, with limited county staff; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin has consulted with and provided the leadership and guidance to the Board of County Commissioners in order for the Board to make the appropriate decisions to meet the challenges of that growth; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin achieved national prominence in his defense of Nassau County in the Supreme Court of Florida case of Albert Gore, Jr., and Joseph I. Lieberman v. Katherine Harris; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin successfully and single-handedly defended Nassau County in the matter; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin was the first attorney to serve in the capacity as full time County Attorney in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin is one of the longest serving County Attorneys and his expertise has been recognized by his colleagues in their election of him as Vice President of the Florida Association of County Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin has developed a large repertoire of skills and styles which he has successfully used in dealing with the different boards and citizenry; and

WHEREAS, whether it has been issues related to the labor unions, personnel issues, solid waste issues, road or building construction, or private land disputes, Michael S. Mullin has provided legal representation that resolved the matters in creative ways resulting in *win-win* situations for all parties concerned; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin has always offered an "open door" policy and has always been respectful of all elected officials and their concerns and has never allowed any personal feelings to interfere with the offering of sound advice; and

WHEREAS, in times where there were vacuums of leadership, Michael S. Mullin stepped up to the plate to assume the necessary leadership role; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin has treated every citizen with the utmost respect and his achievements serve as an example to us all; and

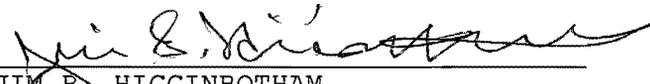
WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin has announced his retirement as County Attorney, effective February 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Mullin will be deeply missed.

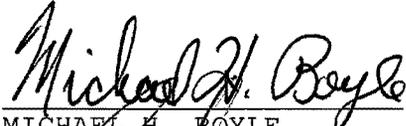
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida this 6th day of February, 2007 that:

1. The Board wishes Michael S. Mullin well in his future endeavors.
2. The Board thanks Michael S. Mullin for his integrity, dignity and respect that he has accorded to all of the citizens of Nassau County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM
Its: Chairman



MICHAEL H. BOYLE



THOMAS D. BRANAN, JR.



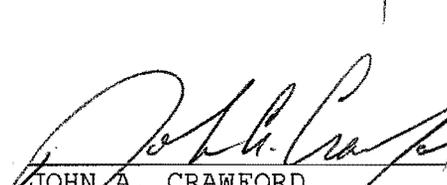
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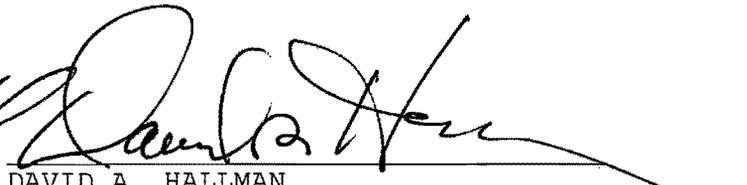
MARIANNE MARSHALL

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:

Approved as to form and legality
by the County Attorney:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk



DAVID A. HALLMAN
County Attorney