

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND DEDICATION
OF THE SECOND SPAN OF THE JUDGE JOLLEY BRIDGE
TO MICHAEL F. MINOZZI, JR.**

WHEREAS, Michael F. Minozzi, Jr. represented the City of Marco Island on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and served as its Chairman for two years; and

WHEREAS, he was the first to understand the risks associated with an aging and deteriorating major bridge to Marco Island and the impact that a potential bridge closure would have on the safety of our residents and to the quality of life and business on Marco Island; and

WHEREAS, Michael F. Minozzi, Jr. led the City's efforts on the MPO to assure that funding for a new second bridge span was kept high on the list of priorities for the County and that such efforts led to the completion of design and engineering drawings that were ready to go when the Federal Government looked for "shovel ready" projects to fund; and

WHEREAS, the foresight and determination of Michael F. Minozzi, Jr. resulted in the new bridge span receiving \$25 million in Federal funds and saved the residents of Marco Island millions of dollars and prevented the need for tolls and increased taxes; and

WHEREAS, Michael F. Minozzi, Jr.'s constant warnings about the condition of the existing bridge span led to the State of Florida making significant life-extending repairs to that existing bridge span; and

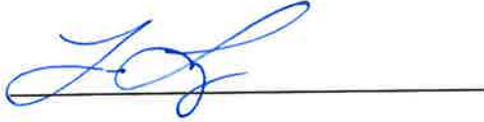
WHEREAS, Michael F. Minozzi, Jr. was awarded a special "State Proclamation" in September, 2009 by State Senator Garrett Richter for his "outstanding work in getting Marco Island its much needed second span bridge"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island and its residents recognize and appreciate the devotion, persistence and efforts Michael F. Minozzi, Jr. made in achieving the construction of a second bridge span for Marco Island and avoiding the potential catastrophe associated with a bridge closure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Marco Island, Florida, that the second span of the Judge Jolley Bridge be dedicated by the State in the memory of Michael F. Minozzi, Jr., and that a permanent plaque be mounted at the base of the new span on the Marco Island side in recognition of his outstanding contribution and achievement.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 7th day of February, 2011.

ATTEST:



Laura Litzan, City Clerk



Frank R. Recker, Chairman