

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO BOBBY R. HENRY FOR HIS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR).

WHEREAS, Bobby R. Henry's father, Levi Henry established the *Westside Gazette* in 1971 to serve South Florida's black community and ensure that events in Broward County were truthfully reported upon; and

WHEREAS, Levi Henry eventually turned over the reins of the newspaper to his son, Bobby Henry, who became the newspaper's publisher and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, the *Westside Gazette* is Broward County's oldest and largest African American owned and operated newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Henry, became a community leader who is an outspoken advocate at the Broward County School District and Broward County for the rights of black citizens, often speaking out on equitable treatment, justice and inclusivity in governance; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Henry is married to Bertha Henry, a former chief administrator of Broward County, who has also worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents of Broward County and together they are the proud parents of two children, Broderick and Byler; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry has devoted many years to uplifting and mentoring youth in several organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, and uses the *Westside Gazette*, social media, and podcasts, to reach young people on issues that affect them in a way to educate and uplift the black community; and

WHEREAS, the *Westside Gazette* plays an invaluable role in our communities by educating the Broward population on national and local stories of interest, politics, racial equity, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is honored to recognize individuals who positively impact the community and broader society through their dedication to service and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Henry's contributions to the community have made a significant impact on the residents of the City of Lauderhill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the above recitations are true and hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby awards a Key to the City of Lauderhill to Bobby R. Henry in recognition of his unwavering commitment to and advocacy on behalf of the citizens of Broward County.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill presents a copy of this Resolution to Bobby R. Henry as a symbol of the City's appreciation for his remarkable contributions, and his dedication to service and social justice.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
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