

In Memoriam



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those citizens whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and nation, and one of these individuals was **Guy King III**, a well-respected Businessman, Community Leader and Advocate, and Philanthropist who passed away on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, a fourth generation Tampa, Florida native, Mr. King was born on May 5, 1949 to the late Guy Jr. and the late Anne Wilson King, and he was enrolled in Hillsborough County elementary and middle schools and then attended the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee where he received its *Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award*, and thereafter he earned his Business Administration Degree in 1972 from the University of Georgia's College of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. King began his stellar career in insurance with Fireman's Fund Insurance as an Underwriter prior to joining M.E. Wilson Company, a highly reputable and prestigious insurance brokerage established in 1920 by his grandfather Malcomb Eugene Wilson, and where he rose to lead as its President and continued the legacy of excellence, and through his leadership, the firm earned the *Tampa Bay Chamber's Small Business of Year Award*; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his beloved city and a tireless advocate for positive change, Mr. King was an integral part of Tampa's growth and success where he generously contributed his time and resources for the benefit of others, whether it was guiding up-and-coming leaders, mentoring those in the business community or elevating the homeless and less fortunate, and among the many organizations he was committed to and served in leadership capacities include the Tampa Bay Chamber, YMCA Governance Board and 1844 Council, the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Coalition and its acclaimed Steps Forward program, Gracepoint Wellness, Pepin Academy, the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, Metropolitan Ministries, the American Heart Association, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Mr. King received many well-deserved recognitions including the Tampa Bay Chamber's *Outstanding Business Leader of the Year* and its prestigious *H.L. Culbreath Profile in Leadership Award*, the YMCA's *Order of the Red Triangle*, the Tampa Metro Civitans' *Outstanding Citizen of the Year*, and he was honored with the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners' *Key to the County*; and

WHEREAS, well known for his intelligence, tenacity, generosity, kind and humble nature, his desire to elevate and empower others through mentorship, guidance and support, Mr. King will forever be remembered for his deep love of his wife, family and friends, his absolute commitment to his community, for his leading by example, and his lifetime of dedication to making a difference and improving the quality of life for others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Guy King III Family, his wife Deborah, his sons Wilson and Guy IV, brother Doug, sister Gene, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their cherished memories and the considerable impact of his life on our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of June, 2021.


Mayor