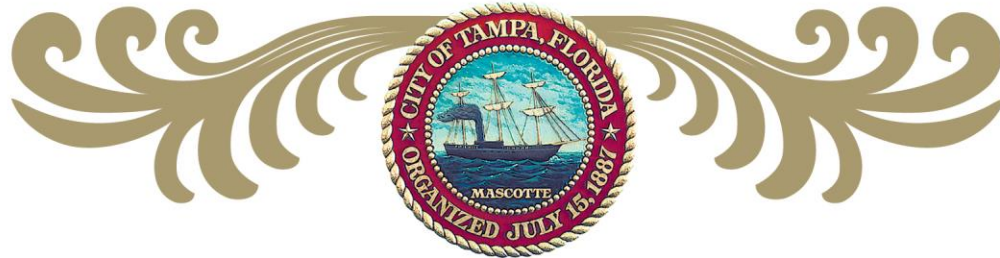


# In Memoriam



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and nation and one of these individuals was **Mandell “Hinks” Shimberg**, a well-respected and beloved Developer, Philanthropist, Theater Producer and Community Leader who passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, born to the late Dr. Mandell and Anna Shimberg in 1929 in Syracuse, New York, Mr. Shimberg attended James Monroe High School in Bronx County where he was President of the Student Body, and thereafter graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, received his Master’s Degree in Business from Columbia University, and he bravely served his country in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shimberg made Tampa, Florida his home in 1957, where he met and married his beloved late wife Elaine, raised his family, and began his legacy of contributing to the growth and prosperity of the area through community involvement and establishing the LaMonte-Shimberg Corporation where he served as its President, and the successful company became the largest developer of quality single-family homes, apartments and townhomes in Hillsborough County including creating Town n’ Country Park and developments in other communities such as Brandon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay community benefitted greatly through Mr. Shimberg’s love of all Tampa sports teams, and he was instrumental in the building of Raymond James Stadium which resulted in keeping the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from relocating, and his passion for the arts helped elevate the cultural climate of the community through his founding of the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Founding Chairman of its Foundation Board and where the *Shimberg Playhouse* is named in his honor, and he produced Broadway and London’s West End plays, two of which won Tony Award nominations, and he created the British International Theatre (BRIT) program to benefit USF theater students; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shimberg’s impact in the Tampa community included serving as Chairman of the Tampa Sports Authority, the University of South Florida (USF) and Berkeley Preparatory School Boards of Trustees, Youth Education Town Committee of the NFL Super Bowl XXXV (35) Task Force, as President of the Homebuilders Association of Greater Tampa and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, as a contributing member of the WEDU PBS Board of Directors, and much more, and he received numerous recognitions over the years including the USF Alumni Association’s *Class of 1956 Award*, Tampa Civitan Club’s *Citizen of the Year Award*, the Committee of 100’s *Hall of Fame Award*, USF’s *Doctor of Humane Letters Degree*, the Association of Fundraising Professionals Suncoast Chapter’s *Philanthropists of the Year Award*, the Tampa Bay Lightning’s *Community Hero of the Year Award*, and USF’s *Shimberg Health Sciences Library*, the *Shimberg Breast Center* at St. Joseph’s Women’s Hospital, and Tampa Preparatory School’s *Hinks and Elaine Shimberg Field* are all named in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, well-known for his integrity, dedication, high standards, creativity, and passionate nature, Mr. Shimberg will forever be remembered for his deep love of his late wife Elaine and his cherished family, and his generosity and kindness.

**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 Mandell Shimberg Family, his children Karen ‘Kasey’, Scott, Betsy, Andy, and Michael, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchild, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the considerable impact of his life our community and our nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor