

In Memoriam



Bob Buckhorn, 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 its citizens. One of these individuals was **Sara “Sally” Lowry Baldwin**, a well-respected and beloved businesswoman, community leader and philanthropist who passed away on Friday, July 5, 2013 at age 81; and

WHEREAS, a Tampa, Florida native born on October 14, 1931, Mrs. Baldwin was the gifted daughter of Sarah and Loper Lowry and grew up near MacDill Air Force Base, a graduate of Plant High School, and thereafter attended Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia prior to proudly graduating from the University of Florida in 1953, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baldwin began her career as a teacher, but later became well known as a keen and accomplished businesswoman and successfully managed her own commercial real estate portfolio and private investments, and was the first woman in Hillsborough County, Florida to be elected to the Board of Directors of a New York Stock Exchange listed corporation, Tampa Electric Company, where she served with dedication for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, she was considered the First Lady of Lowry Park Zoo, named for her grandfather, Dr. Sumpter Lowry, and among her many accomplishments with the organization she led the Lowry Park Zoo Endowment Foundation, chaired the Zoological Society, and co-founded Karamu, the annual fund raising gala, and through her commitment and passion she was instrumental in transforming it to being rated the number one family friendly zoo in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baldwin loved Tampa and actively participated in and contributed to the community including the Junior League of Tampa, where she was recognized as Sustainer of the Year, Girl Scouts of America, who honored her with a Woman of Distinction Award, Tampa Bay History Center, Great Books Program at the Academy of Holy Names and Grady Elementary School, and she was a long-time supporter of the David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, a mentor, friend, and inspiration to all who knew her, she will be forever remembered for her love of family and friends, wonderful sense of humor and generous nature, and although we are grieved at the loss of this outstanding citizen, her legacy will continue to live on through the improvements she brought to our community and in all those whose lives she has touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, 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 Sara Lowry Baldwin Family, her husband Walter, her daughter Bryan, sons Trey, Lowry, and John, Grandchildren, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the impact of her life on our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor