TO: City of Pompano Beach Leadership

FROM: The Family of the Late *Hattie Kimbrough*

REF: Renaming of Northwest Seventh Street to Hattie Kimbrough Street

As the family of *Hattie Kimbrough*, we write to introduce you to the Matriarch of our family; *Hattie Kimbrough*. Before we begin, we would like to officially thank you for the proclamation given to honor our mother's 95th birthday on September 19, 2020.

Our mother/grandmother; Hattie was a caring and giving woman. She found great joy in giving back to her community, which she loved dearly. Though she was born in the state of Georgia, she was proud to call Pompano her home. *Hattie* relocated to Florida in 1959 residing in Cocoa Beach. In 1968, Hattie moved to Pompano Beach, purchasing her first home at 2625 Northwest 7th Street, in the Collier City Community in 1970. It was in this home she reared and nurtured her 16 children and multiple generations of grandchildren.

Hattie was a woman of many words and would not hesitate to share her wisdom and lifelessons with the youth of the community. She welcomed her neighbors' children into her home and had no problem cooking enough food to share with each of them. Her home provided a shelter and hot meals for many who needed a place to sit, relax, and shelter from the storm. The residents of Northwest 7th Street will forever cherish the memory of Ms. Hattie Bell and the legacy she left with us. The life she lived spoke far beyond any recognition could ever speak.

Having a charitable heart, *Hattie*, and her family had a desire to spread Christmas Cheer throughout the community. She wanted to put smiles on the faces of children throughout the community. With the leadership of her granddaughters; Roni, Shan, and Quanda, the Ladies of Broward founded; an annual toy drive where they solicited hundreds of toys, bikes, and gifts throughout the year. The event has been held annually at McNair Park for the past four years. Hattie's home was used as a storage for this year-long collection. She took her job as the overseer of the collection seriously.

Though our Mother is no longer physically with us, we would like to keep her legacy alive by naming the street where she lived and served for 51 years in her honor. Please find attached the petitions of signed residents. For these reasons and more, we the undersigned Family Members, along with our 7th Street neighbors are requesting for Northwest 7th Street of the Collier City Community to be at named in our mother's honor; Hattie Kimbrough Street.

BIOGRAPHY OF HATTIE KIMBROUGH WILLIAMS

Mrs. Hattie Kimbrough Williams was born in Tifton Ga on September 17, 1925 to the late parents of Daisy Mitchell and Thomas Hobbs. She was the mother of 16 kids, 10 boys and 6 girls.

She attended school in Americus, Ga and later moved to Cocoa Florida where she worked in housekeeping before relocating to Pompano Beach. She continued her education at braitway school attending night classes. She went on to become employed at Ely High School as a night custodian, earning the respect and love from all the students. She retired in 1988 after 18 years of dedicated work.

She was well known for helping the less fortunate providing food and some shelter if she had room. She would also walk door to door collecting donation if someone was in need and didn't have the funds.

She would feed and care for the elderly and assist many back to health if they had no one to care for them. Not only did she take in people but animals as well. She attended church faithfully at Macedonia Baptist Church where she enjoyed ushering. She was a great cook and everyone loved her homemade biscuits.

She loves giving to charity, she supported the Pompano Express track team when kids could not afford to pay. She would donate to the Police dept. she has assisted in helping people bury their love ones and taken on their debts mainly with freeman funeral home.

She relocated from Carvers Home to Collier City in 1970 until her passing on October 5, 2021 living over 50 years in the same home and same phone number. She was loved by all who knew her, young and

old, she had no respect of person, age, color, nationality, etc., She treated everyone with unconditional and unselfish love. Always feeding the hungry and proving to the needy, one of the most honorable persons known. She is the definition of a true pioneer and will be missed in the community. She was honored and given a proclamation by Mayor Rex Hardin of City of Pompano Beach at age 95, making her birthday a holiday in the city of Pompano Beach. She was given a drive by birthday celebration with all City officials in attendance the fire department, City commissioner. Police officers alongside family and friends this was epic. Mrs. Hattie Kimbrough Williams we honor and salute you for being an outstanding pilar in the community, RIP!



WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Commissioners of Pompano Beach pay tribute to Hattie Lee Williams, Pompano Beach resident and friend who passed away October 5, 2021; and

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WHEREAS: Hattie loved giving to charity. She supported the Pompano Express Track Team when kids could not afford to pay, donated to the Police Department, and assisted in helping people bury their loved ones when they could not afford it; and

WHEREAS: Hattie Lee Williams relocated from Carver Homes to Collier City in 1970 until her passing. She lived in the same home for over 50 years and even had the same phone number; and

WHEREAS: Hattie Lee Williams earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all with whom she came into contact, and our community has sustained a great loss in her death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and residents of Pompano Beach, do hereby extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Hattie Lee Williams upon her passing.

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WHEREAS: Hattie Kimbrough Williams was born on September 17, 1925, and will celebrate her 95th birthday this year; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach recognizes the contribution of our senior citizens to our community and the important role they serve in our society; and

WHEREAS: Hattie Kimbrough Williams has reached the age of deserving this special recognition by the City of Pompano Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and residents of Pompano Beach, do hereby acknowledge Hattie Kimbrough Williams' life accomplishments and contributions, and most of all recognize her zest for life. We are proud to have Hattie as a resident of Pompano Beach.

DONE, this 17th day of September, 2020.

REX HARDIN MAYOR



My name 15 Adrienne French, I came to know Mrs. Hattie Kimbry When I was about 14 yes old. We we neighbors Every day I would go to her home to Wash dishes or something because I enjoyed these good de biscuts she use to cook I look forward to them carry day, She was the Kinders person I know, Dways helping and giving. She was Junny and always loved to talk, I am now 55 yrs old, She has seen me through hard times. She would give me money if I ask, feed me and my kids. She mage sun we were safe. I Could always Count on her. I pray she is honord and her legacy lives on because she douched So many. This is just my story and I am sure there are many more just like this. She helped everyone Her family She was foully the matriarch and they were Junets will by her.

Advienn French

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I met Mrs. Hattie Bell through her granddaughter Fatosha Johnson. She welcomed me into her home as if I was one of her children. She was very out spoken and I remember her always making us go to church. She cooked food every day in her home before she went off to work at night.

Her home was a place where everyone would go and spend the day. Everyone was welcomed and there were never any problems. A place to feel loved and safe.

When I left and moved to Jacksonville, I had nothing. I called Mrs. Hattie Bell and told her. I needed money about \$400. She called me and said her granddaughter going to bank when I picked up cash, it would be more than I ask, she would say, buy something for the kids. She was someone I could always depend on. A very special angel indeed. RIP!

Ms. Tracy Miller 904-615-4620 January 22, 2022

Attention Homeowner:

You are receiving this letter to notify you that I have submitted a petition to have the street renamed in the honor of Mrs. Hattie Kimbrough Williams who was a resident of NW 7th Street for over 50 years and a pioneer of the Collier City Community. She was very active in the community and always supporting in any way she could, especially when it came to the kids.

She was the overseer of the Pop the Trunk Christmas give away for the last 3 years in which her granddaughters sponsor, held at McNair Park. She passed away on October 5, 2021, at the age of 96.

I tried on several attempts to meet with you and ask if you would sign the petition. If you are interested in signing the petition you may contact Greg Harrison at the City of Pompano Beach.

Sincerely,

Abbie Gail Kimbrough

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