

Resolution No. 06-R- _____

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE 10th DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2006.

WHEREAS, the YARBOROUGH RANCH was created following the 1954 wedding of Imogene Bostick and Walter Edward (Ed) Yarborough, a third-generation cattle rancher, and following the death of Ed’s uncle, W.G. Kilbee, which united and renamed the 8,000 family acres in Geneva to the Yarborough Ranch; and

WHEREAS, ED AND IMOGENE YARBOROUGH raised awareness of “land stewardship”, improving pastures, grasses and herd quality, and labored as tireless champions of agriculture education on the ranch located in the ecologically sensitive eastern portion of Seminole County along the Econlockhatchee and St. Johns Rivers, and eventually sold 3,400 acres in 1998 to the St. Johns Water Management District as a conservation easement so that the property would remain intact for future generations; and

WHEREAS, ED AND IMOGENE YARBOROUGH have been leaders in the agricultural community for more than half a century through their associations in County, State and National Cattle Associations, the Seminole County Farm Bureau Board, 4-H, Future Farmers of American, the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service, and as vital and active members of the first United Methodist Church of Geneva; and

WHEREAS, until his death in 2000, ED YARBOROUGH served his county and state as President of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association, Seminole County Cattlemen President, Director for Citizen’s Bank of Oviedo, honorary Director of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association, the Seminole Soil & Water Conservation Board, and as a Seminole County Commissioner for two terms; and

WHEREAS, IMOGENE YARBOROUGH has participated in the Florida Farm Bureau Federation; as Seminole County Farm Bureau President, Cowbelle’s President, Florida Cattlewomen President, the National Cattlewomen’s Beef Cook-Off and Cookbook Committees, and teaching for many years in K-12 classrooms as “The Cow Lady” or as a clown, and providing special educational field trips to the ranch with hands-on experiences, at the Central Florida Fair and Florida State Fair annually, and was honored as the recipient of the 2005 Citrus Council of Girl Scouts *Woman of Distinction in Lifetime Achievement* Award; and

WHEREAS, ED AND IMOGENE YARBOROUGH raised four children, Lynn, William (Bo), James (J.W.) and Reba with a love and respect of the land, teaching them to work cattle from an early age, with J.W. and Bo continuing to manage the ranch with their mother today, embracing Ed’s passion for agriculture and his belief in hard work and that “This is God’s country and we are His caretakers. This land was passed on to us by generations before us, and we are to care for it as a family, because that is the way God would have it”; and

WHEREAS, the YARBOROUGH RANCH AND ED AND IMOGENE YARBOROUGH will be inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame on February 13, 2007 at the Florida State Fair in Tampa, Fl.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida wishes to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the YARBOROUGH RANCH AND ED AND IMOGENE YARBOROUGH to the cattle and agricultural community within Seminole County, and that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Seminole and presented to the IMOGENE YARBOROUGH AND MEMBERS OF THE YARBOROUGH FAMILY with gratitude and best wishes.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of October, A.D. 2006.

ATTEST:

Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the Board
Of County Commissioners in and for
The County of Seminole, Florida

Carlton D. Henley, Chairman