



PANAMA CITY – BAY COUNTY AIRPORT AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF

Joseph K. Tannehill, Sr.

WHEREAS, Joseph K. Tannehill, Sr. was appointed to the Airport Authority in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tannehill, realized that the constraints of the old Fannin Field short runway and non-existent runway safety area would prevent the growth of air travel and economic development in Bay County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tannehill soon determined that the proposed extension of the existing runway into the St. Andrew Bay System would be devastating to the environment and would damage one of Florida's most productive seagrass meadows and habitats and nurseries for the fish and shellfish that are critical for to our community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tannehill became resolute and determined that the best path forward for the future of the Airport, Bay County's economy, and the environment was to relocate the Airport to an unconstrained location on land to be donated by the St. Joe Company; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2005, Mr. Tannehill's compelling presentation to the Board and subsequent motion to relocate the airport, became the spark that created largest public works project in the history of Bay County, the first new airport to be constructed in America since September 11, 2001, and the preservation forever of tens of thousands of acres of environmentally sensitive lands and waterways in Bay County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his leadership, Mr. Tannehill was selected by his fellow board members to be Chairman of the Airport Board and served in that role throughout the permitting, construction, and opening of the new Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport; and

WHEREAS, this Board and this community recognize that Chairman Tannehill's vision, foresight, quiet, strong and humble leadership and dedication to community were essential to the development of the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport and that his leadership has forever changed the trajectory of air travel and the economy of Bay County and all of Northwest Florida and preserved our environment for future generations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District Board of Directors acknowledges and extends profound appreciation to Chairman Joseph K. Tannehill, Sr. for his years of outstanding service and dedication to the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport and the former Panama City – Bay County International Airport; and

In memory of Chairman Joseph K. Tannehill, Sr., West Bay Parkway between State Road 388 and the Terminal Complex will have the honorary designation of "Tannehill Parkway."

This Resolution adopted in the regular meeting of the Panama City – Bay County Airport and Industrial District on the 24th of June 2020.



Del Lee, Chairman