

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the year was 1950; a gallon of milk was 82 cents; gas was 27 cents; stamps were 3 cents a piece and the War Memorial Auditorium opened its doors; and*

WHEREAS, *on January 14th, 2010, 60 years to the day, the War Memorial Auditorium commemorated its 60th year of continuous operation with a special celebration which included photo exhibits and copies of the original opening program; and*

WHEREAS, *the War Memorial Auditorium, a multi-purpose facility located in Holiday Park, is owned and operated by the City of Fort Lauderdale. It was built thorough a community fundraising drive to provide a permanent home to the symphony. The building was renovated three years ago by the city and was done without taking away any of its charm. The renovations included wireless internet, epoxy flooring, decorative acoustic curtains and state-of-the art lighting; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout its history the auditorium has played host to graduations, politicians, circuses, concerts, pageants, sporting events, festivals and shows of all kinds. In 1958, the auditorium was filled with the rock 'n' roll sounds of Jerry Lee Lewis, Bill Haley, the Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly on the Big Gold Record Stars Tour; and*

WHEREAS, *shortly after the auditorium opened it was decided that the auditorium would be a living memorial to the veterans and fallen of World War II. The names of hard-fought WWII battles radiate from the seal on the lobby floor. The Korean and Vietnam Wars are also remembered, and in the mid 1970s the Gold Star Mothers donated a statue of a Vietnam soldier which was also placed in the lobby. In November 2009, the city honored our men and women who serve in the armed forces with the rededication of the Korean War-era F- 86 Sabre Jet; and*

WHEREAS, *the War Memorial has and continues to be a tremendous asset to the city and to the community and we, the commission, commend the auditorium's staff for their work and for staging events that continue to generate revenue for the city and provide entertainment options for our residents and visitors.*


NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 20, 2010 as:

WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 60th ANNIVERSARY DAY

in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 20th day of January 2010.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler