

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

40-3

Meeting Date: July 7, 2015

Consent Regular
 Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Submitted For:

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: adopt a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, urging the National Football Foundation Honors Committee to induct Coach Howard Schnellenberger into the College Football Hall of Fame.

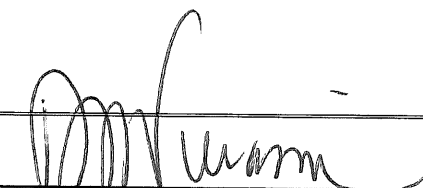
Summary: Coach Howard Schnellenberger, a Palm Beach County resident, is a retired football coach with long service at both the professional and college levels. The Hall of Fame requires coaching nominees to retire with at least a .600 win percentage, but provides for induction in unique cases where coaches retire with less, such as Coach Schnellenberger's .520 win percentage. What he did for the sport, however, far transcends such simple figures. Coach Howard Schnellenberger deserves every consideration to be in the College Football Hall of Fame. District 4 (DO)

Background and Justification: Coach Schnellenberger resurrected two college football programs when he took over a University of Miami program that was nearing extinction in 1979 and led Miami to an Orange Bowl bid and the National Championship four years later. The team he saved from extinction lost only two home games in five years and went on to win three more national titles in the next seven seasons. He went to Louisville in 1985 to build a college football contender. His top team finished 10-1-1 and defeated Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl, the highlight of the most successful decade in Louisville football history. Coach Schnellenberger built the football program at FAU from the ground up. Within six years of the program's inception, he coached it to a Sun Belt Conference championship and led the Owls to two (2) bowl victories. He built FAU stadium, an enduring legacy of his contribution to the game. Coach Schnellenberger has been part of seven NFL playoff teams and was part of two Super Bowl championship staffs. He helped the 1972 Miami Dolphins to the NFL's only undefeated (17-0) season. The Hall of Fame requires coaching nominees to retire with at least a .600 win percentage, but provides for induction in unique cases where coaches retire with less, such as Coach Schnellenberger's .520 win percentage. What he did for the sport, however, far transcends such simple figures. In fact, there are currently thirty-one members of the Hall of Fame who do not meet the .600 win percentage criteria. Coach Howard Schnellenberger deserves every consideration to be in the College Football Hall of Fame.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution

Recommended by: _____


County Attorney

7/1/15
Date

Approved by: _____

N/A

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____

Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

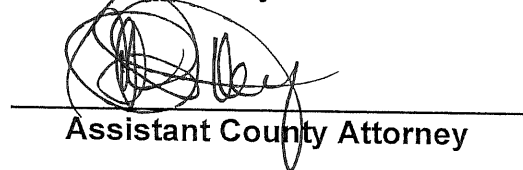
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:



 OFMB 8/11


 _____ 7/11/15
 Contract Development and Control
 7-1-15 B. Wheeler

B. Legal Sufficiency:



 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA, URGING THE NATIONAL
FOOTBALL FOUNDATION HONORS
COMMITTEE TO INDUCT COACH HOWARD
SCHNELLENBERGER INTO THE COLLEGE
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, Coach Howard Schnellenberger, a Palm Beach County resident, is a retired football coach with a long and distinguished career at both the professional and college levels; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schnellenberger resurrected two college football programs that were nearing extinction and built them into college football powerhouses. In 1979 he took over a University of Miami football program that was on life support, and through his offensive genius he installed a pro-style attack with quarterback Jim Kelly and led Miami to an Orange Bowl bid and the national championship four years later. His teams lost only two home games in five years (22-2) while laying the groundwork for a program that went on to win three more national titles in the next seven seasons; and

WHEREAS, as a native of Louisville, Coach Schnellenberger returned to Louisville in 1985 to build a college football national contender from an irrelevant University of Louisville team without a football stadium. His top team finished 10-1-1 and defeated the mighty Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl, highlighting one of the most successful decades in Louisville football history and, equally as important, he built a football stadium; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding downtrodden programs twice into national contenders would seemingly be enough to cement Coach Schnellenberger's legacy as a college football Hall of Famer, he dared to risk his legacy by building the football program at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) from the ground up, which may have been his greatest enduring accomplishment. However, in true Coach Schnellenberger fashion, within six years of the program's inception, he coached it to a Sun Belt Conference championship and twice led the Owls to bowl game victories. More importantly, the recently built FAU stadium will go down as the House Howard Built, an enduring legacy of his contribution to the

game.

WHEREAS, Coach Schnellenberger has been part of seven NFL playoff teams and was part of two Super Bowl championship staffs. As the Offensive Coordinator, his contribution to the Don Shula led 1972 Superbowl Champion Miami Dolphins, cannot be overemphasized. To date that team remains the NFL's only team to record an undefeated (17-0) season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schnellenberger deserves more recognition through College Football Hall of Fame induction; and has recently been endorsed through letters of support to the Hall of Fame by football greats such as Jim Kelly and Coach Don Shula; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame requires coaching nominees to retire with a win percentage of at least .600, but provides for induction in unique cases where coaches retire with less than a .600 win percentage; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schnellenberger bowed out of his coaching career with a win percentage of .520 and should not be punished for having the intestinal fortitude and insight to undertake the formidable task of building programs from the ground up, or rebuilding programs near extinction to national powerhouses; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schnellenberger's contribution to college football far transcends such simple figures; besides, there are currently thirty-one members of the Hall of Fame who do not meet criteria of a .600 win percentage; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schnellenberger is a man of outstanding character, faith, and family and has met the spirit of the Hall of Fame criteria by proving "...himself worthy as a citizen, carrying the ideals of football forward into his relations with his community and his fellow man with love of his country."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Coach Howard Schnellenberger deserves every consideration to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame and we strongly urge the National Football Foundation Honors Committee to induct Coach Howard Schnellenberger into the College Football Hall of Fame.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Commissioner Shelley Vana, Mayor -
- Commissioner Mary Lou Berger, Vice Mayor -
- Commissioner Hal R. Valeche -
- Commissioner Paulette Burdick -
- Commissioner Steven L. Abrams -
- Commissioner Melissa McKinlay -
- Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor -


The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  _____
County Attorney