

RESOLUTION 83-11

WHEREAS, a small undeveloped publicly owned coastal barrier island has historically existed in Longboat Pass on the Gulf of Mexico side of the Pass, in Manatee County, Florida, and within the town limits of the Town of Longboat Key; and

WHEREAS, during past years this island became known as Beer Can Island due to the large volume of cans left by visitors to the island; and

WHEREAS, during recent years this island has gradually become connected to Longboat Key by accretion; and

WHEREAS, upon becoming physically connected to Longboat Key, and developers began making ownership claims to the island; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedicated efforts of Homer and Mary Greer, this island has remained in public ownership and is currently owned by the County of Manatee, Florida, as a coastal preservation area; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedicated efforts of Homer and Mary Greer, this coastal preservation area, with its stands of sea oats and mangroves remain today a place of unspoiled beauty and is the only natural undeveloped Gulf coastal property on Longboat Key - - a constant reminder of how Longboat Key used to be; and

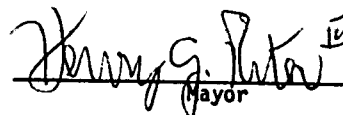
WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Homer and Mary Greer, the name Beer Can Island has long ceased to be descriptive of this beautiful piece of property, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY:

That the Town of Longboat Key recommends that the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, rename this coastal preservation area Greer Island in honor of the kind, gentle and dedicated couple who saved this beautiful piece of our natural heritage.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key this 2nd day of March, 1983.

Attest:



Mayor



Town Clerk

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