

# 2007 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

**FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Name of Municipality Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY SPIRIT AWARD**

Name of Municipality Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated Project \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**MAYOR OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated Mrs. Myrna Pavilack

Nominated by City of North Miami

(Name of City/Town/Village)

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## Contact Person

The following person will be the main contact if your city's nominee is selected as a finalist.

Please print or type.

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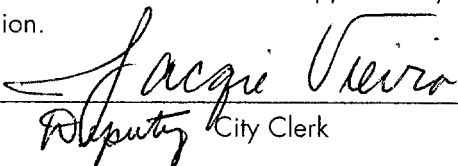
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## Nomination Certification

This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed   
Deputy City Clerk

The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

## Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Please include a word count: 1,039  
Number of words

## Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 10, 2007:**

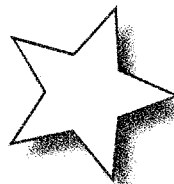
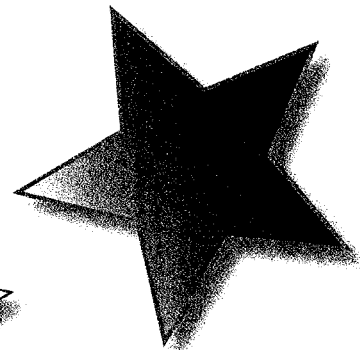
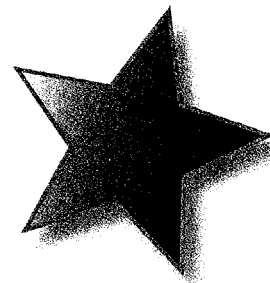
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# CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

## MS. MYRNA PAVILACK

**Nominated By:** City of North Miami

The city of North Miami is proud to nominate an individual that has been the driving force behind a program that has been in existence for up to 28 years in the city of North Miami. That citizen is Ms. Myrna Pavilack. Ms. Pavilack is one of the founding members of what is commonly referred to as the Mayor's Economic Task Force.

The Mayor's Economic Task Force was created in 1979 by then North Miami Mayor, Howard Neu. The Task Force was designed to be a vehicle for activists in the community to work together to become a catalyst to accomplish projects, both major and minor, for the purpose of improving the city and its environs. Its work is accomplished primarily through its board of directors and its very strong standing committees. Myrna Pavilack is not only a founding member of this task force, but has, for the past 27 years, been the Volunteer/President of the Task Force to see that its goals are accomplished on a consistent, timely and sustainable basis. Reflective of its sustainability, on May 17, 2007, the Mayor's Economic Task Force conducted its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Awards & Scholarship Dinner (see enclosed attachment of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Program).

The crowning achievement of the Task Force has been to generate the funds necessary, on a volunteer basis, to provide scholarships to various high school students attending the local universities and colleges, both in and within the vicinity of the city of North Miami.

A sampling of those scholarships is attached as exhibits to this nomination form. This is not a one time or once in a lifetime achievement, but has been ongoing for the past 28 years. Students have been awarded these scholarships to Barry University, Florida International University, Johnson & Wales University, and Miami Dade College. Without these scholarships, many of these students would find it difficult, if not impossible, to attend these universities. In addition to the university-related scholarships, there are a series of memorials that have been promoted by the Mayor's Economic Task Force and they too are identified in the attached exhibits. The most significant memorials are the Sherry Ann Littman Memorial for \$1,000, the Marlin Barnes Memorial for \$700, and the J. Alton "Al" Brissey Memorial for \$600. The Mayor's Economic Task Force recruited these families to provide these memorials years ago and have been benefitting students ever since. In addition to the memorials, there are scholarships presented by various individuals and organizations that also support the task force scholarship program. These scholarships are funded by the Task Force through contributions raised through fundraisers and solicitations. They average roughly \$500 per student and approximately four scholarships a year are presented as Task Force scholarships. Finally, the MaryLee Lander Memorial Scholarships are awarded to two students, one attending Barry University and one student attending Florida International University, in the amount of \$250 each. None of these scholarships would have been possible, nor would they have been coordinated through a community-wide effort, had it not been for the Mayor's Economic Task Force program. Myrna Pavilack is the individual force behind organizing the fundraisers and fund solicitations to underwrite these various programs.

In addition to the scholarships awarded through the Mayor's Economic Task Force, there are numerous accomplishments and programs that the Task Force takes on in order to enhance citizen participation. Ms. Pavilack is the guiding light that organizes the various committees within the Task Force to apply their energy and efforts to accomplish given goals and objectives that are set out by the city of North Miami. The elaborate committee structure is as follows:

- Health, Education and Quality of Life
- Economic and Business Development
- Intergovernmental
- Entertainment and Amusement Business
- Membership
- Community Relations

Since its inception in 1979, the Mayor's Economic Task Force has worked closely and successfully with the city of North Miami, its elected officials and other public and private organizations in efforts to create a positive impact on our economic potential and quality of life. Among those accomplishments are:

- Constructed the only community stadium in North East Dade County at a cost in excess of \$2,000,000 and continues to maintain and improve it.
- Created City "Progress Line" newspaper now published bi-monthly by the City.

- Prepared Industrial Resource Manual as bible for economic development which has since been updated.
- Created the Florida Film and Recording Institute to promote financing of films and records in South Florida.
- Founded Economic Development Committee which successfully obtained \$50,000 VISIONS 2000 Grant for the city of North Miami.
- Obtained in excess of \$2,000,000 of improvements for North Miami Senior High School
- Created Council of Chambers to coordinate activities of all North Dade Chambers of Commerce.
- Promoted understanding of various cultures and ethnic traditions by sponsoring special educational and entertaining programs.
- Created AIDS Workshop and disseminated information to the community.
- Provides \$1,500 scholarships to Senior High School students each year and has obtained additional scholarships from FIU, Barry University, Florida Memorial College, and Miami Dade College in excess of \$10,000.
- Created MaryLee Lander Scholarships at FIU and Barry Universities for students in the film and video arts.
- Present “Community Activists of the Year” awards and “Prestigious” awards to “Businessmen”, “Media”, “Civic Service”, “Profiles in Courage”, and “Lifetime Achievement Award”.

The emphasis of this nomination is that one individual, Ms. Myrna Pavilack, in her capacity as a founder and presidium of the Mayor's Economic Task Force, is the guiding light and strong voice of progress for the city of North Miami in her leadership role as the president and chairman of the Mayor's Economic Task Force. She does this on a voluntary basis and receives no compensation for her work, and when talking to Myrna, she views her entire role as a labor of love in support of her community. She has received numerous awards and recognitions at both the state and local level for her work, and it is only appropriate that the city of North Miami, in its capacity as a full participant of the Florida League of Cities' 2007 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program, nominate Ms. Myrna Pavilack as its City Citizen of the Year.