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Nomination Certification

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

Signed 
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: 1196
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**:

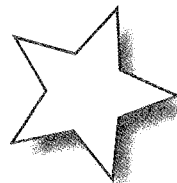
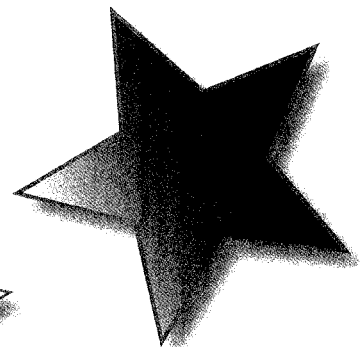
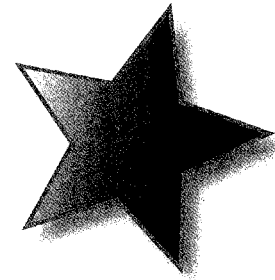
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Attn: Florida Cities of Excellence

301 S. Bronough Street, Suite 300 (32301)

P.O. Box 1757

Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757



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 Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness
Nominated by City of Lauderhill
(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 _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

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certify this to be a true and correct copy of the record in my office.

WITNESSETH my hand and official seal of the City of Lauderhill, Florida, this the

9 day of August 2002

[Signature] City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 07R-06-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE FLORIDA CITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR, CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, AND CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR RICHARD J. KAPLAN)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby nominates the following individuals for the following Florida Cities of Excellence Awards:

1. Vice Mayor Dale V.C. Holness is hereby nominated for the Florida Cities of Excellence Council Member of the Year Award.
2. _____ is hereby nominated for the Florida Cities of Excellence City Employee of the Year Award.
3. _____ is hereby nominated for the Florida Cities of Excellence City Citizen of the Year Award.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby requested to provide copies of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, Inc. together with the appropriate nomination form, narrative and supplemental information.

Section 3. That all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. If any clause, section, part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DATED this 11th day of June, 2007.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this 11th day of June, 2007.

[Signature]



Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness

“He can leap buildings in a single bound!” “He is faster than a speeding bullet!” These words although typically used to describe a superhero....like Superman, can dually describe Lauderhill’s Commissioner Dale Holness! Really, there is no one like him! Watching him in action is like watching an action hero; he is the ultimate multi-tasker! Commissioner Holness is active in so many organizations, causes, and philanthropic endeavors, legend has it he never sleeps!

This Commissioner owns a mortgage/real estate company, and belongs to and chairs several real estate boards. He often visits his homeland of Jamaica to help further the countries economic and political developments. Around Lauderhill he is known to frequent Homeowner’s Association Meetings and Civic Organizations such as the Kiwanis and the Caribbean American Soccer Association - of which he is a member. Wherever there is a mentorship program, he is a member or possibly originator of the program. WITHOUT FAIL, he reminds everyone in his path to “SHOP Lauderhill!” and sings the praises of Lauderhill all day! The only thing this Commissioner loves

more than his City is his 5 spectacular children! With at least one of his children by his side at any given time, Commissioner Holness always finds time to drive his kids to school and spend quiet family time on Sundays. In spite of all his commitments to his City, family always remains first!

INITIATIVE –

Throughout Lauderhill's history, this bedroom community hadn't found much success with past Chamber's of Commerce. Several initiatives to develop and foster a healthy chamber failed miserably. Three years ago, a new Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce was founded by Commissioner Holness. This year the Chamber celebrates a milestone where the membership now includes over 100 businesses, a result of several successful business expos. The Chamber under the guidance of the Commissioner, held several special events, where monies collected was donated to the Red Cross to assist victims of Hurricane Wilma. His initiative to resuscitate Lauderhill's business community benefited the City as a whole, its children and families.

COMMITMENT -

With children of his own, Commissioner Holness intimately understands the importance of educating our youth. He encourages others to take stock in our children, become a mentor and be a part of our children's growth for their success in our community. At the direction of Commissioner Holness, a comprehensive educational and life skills initiative was created and referred to as the **Lauderhill A+ Plan**. Commissioner Holness reached out to volunteers and secured several resources in order to provide a myriad of classes and services to our community of all ages. Parenting classes, literacy classes, a Mentorship program, GED classes, FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) preparation, health and nutrition awareness, and financial management workshops are just some of the services the **A+ Plan** offers. This unprecedented initiative serves countless residents.

INNOVATIVE –

With the City of Lauderhill undergoing major redevelopment referred to the "Renaissance of Lauderhill," Commissioner Holness has made several successful strides in public relations through

innovative means of communication. He believes frequent interactions between all segments of the community lead to unity. He felt that residents, business owners, and investors alike sometimes panic for a fear of the unknown and complete transparency would avoid any undue alarm. Therefore, the Commissioner frequently holds community breakfasts sponsored by private businesses in various sections of the City. Guests include religious leaders, community leaders, business owners, and residents. Meetings are well attended and attendees are invited to give input. As a result the public shares in a new found awareness of the plans and ultimately a maximum level of buy in. Where traditional means of communicating such as newsletters and papers may not adequately reach the many stake holders in Lauderhill, this Commissioner takes his show on the road!

VISION -

As a business person, Commissioner Holness gained all the knowledge and wisdom necessary to envision a healthy business of his own as well as the City. He stresses that a diversified tax base is imperative to maintain the City's healthy revenue stream – starting with a solid foundation in commerce. The Commissioner realizes that

our residents seeking jobs and careers will need to meet viable employers in order to sustain themselves.

Holness created a partnership between the City of Lauderhill and Work Force One. This agency unites individuals interested in new jobs, better jobs and training opportunities with local businesses. This year he held his first job fair where over 500 attendees sought employment and/or education. Several vocational schools found applicants. Numerous colleges accepted new students, and several employers found new employees. Holness' vision to create a stable tax base with viable commerce resulted in superior trained, educated, and employed residents.

LEADERSHIP –

Commissioner Holness faced with the reality of mandatory municipal tax cuts from the state while still redeveloping his City has required him to fashion innovative means. His revolutionary ideas led him into a very beneficial Sister City Relationship with Trelawny, Jamaica. This union will foster business and economic growth with minimal financial investment.

Jamaica, South Florida's 25th largest trading partner, has ties to our region and especially to the City of Lauderhill in areas of

commerce, culture and sports. Commissioner Holness understanding the similarities, created a partnership that now fosters these interests.

Trelawny's recently opened Multipurpose Stadium – hosting International Sports Games—a new gateway to attract tourists as a vacation destination. This initiative by Trelawny mirrors the efforts of the City of Lauderhill, where a new Multipurpose Stadium is expected to open in November 2007. Both Stadiums will host International cricket, football and soccer tournaments - drawing thousands of visitors to both South Florida and Trelawny as a great international vacation destination.

Holness led the Lauderhill Commission to a 5-0 decision to commence the Sister City relationship. The two towns have already developed an Annual Cricket Tournament and several Lauderhill residents enjoyed the first match in Trelawny last September. Next year's match is scheduled to take place in Lauderhill. As a result of this union, several businesses from Jamaica are now opening up offices/branches in Lauderhill as well.

INTEGRITY –

As previously mentioned, Commissioner Holness always seeks creative means to stimulate economic development within the City. When invited to attend a trip to France, by the developer of Lauderhill's future *Cultural Arts Mall of the America's*, this Commissioner paid his own way in order to avoid spending tax dollars. He met with several ministers of trade as well as arts and culture. The ties with the French government and the business models they utilized in a similar Cultural Arts Mall, led Commissioner Holness to model our own developments like theirs. His commitment to the project led him to practice City business on his own time and dime. With no room for criticism this Commissioner living above reproach conducted City business selflessly. His veracity to keep the City's budget lean demonstrated his high level of integrity and commitment to Lauderhill.

Lauderhill's Superhero is serving his community at the speed of light and doing it with a smile! Never will you find such a busy person who is ALWAYS happy to help others and to make each day count. Commissioner Holness serves with his heart, he is Lauderhill's Champion!