

Resolution 203_A

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
HONORING EDWARD RAY BOGGESS
AND MICHAEL JAMES O'DONNELL

WHEREAS, at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 1983, Darlene McKay and Loretta Vaughn of Jensen Beach were riding bicycles across the Evans Crary Bridge, on their way home after working the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift as technicians at Martin Memorial Hospital; and

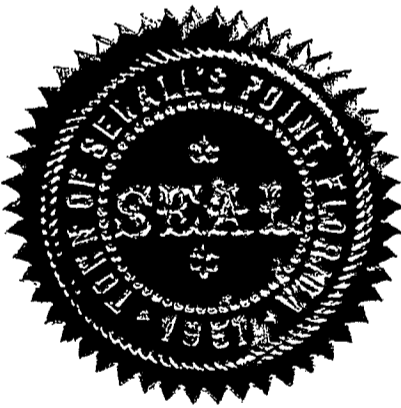
WHEREAS, while riding on the eastern, or Sewall's Point, portion of the span, both young women were struck and seriously injured by an automobile and thrown over the railing of the bridge into the St. Lucie River; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ray Boggess of Palm City and Michael James O'Donnell of Stuart, driver and passenger, respectively, in a truck behind the striking automobile, witnessed the incident, stopped and disregarding their own safety, jumped from the bridge into the river; and

WHEREAS, Messrs. Boggess and O'Donnell prevented the injured women from drowning by holding their heads above water until onlookers had called boats to the scene; and

WHEREAS, Messrs. Boggess and O'Donnell lifted one woman into each of two boats and accompanied the victims to the hospital;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point, Florida recognizes and commends the compassion and valor of Messrs. Boggess and O'Donnell, expresses to them the profound gratitude of every resident of the Town, hereby transmits copies of this resolution to them, and incorporates this resolution into the minutes of the Commission's June 1, 1983 workshop meeting.



Mayor Gilbert C. Strubell

Vice Mayor William E. Barton, III

Commissioner Dana deWindt

Commissioner Edward H. Gluckler

Commissioner Helena B. (Mimi) Towl

ATTEST:

Joan Barrow, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

M. Lanning Fox, Town Attorney