RESOLUTION NO. 1924-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK RAILROAD AVENUE RESIDENCES & WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT FOR THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES' CITY SPIRIT AWARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park Railroad Avenue Residences & Water Treatment Plant project provided affordable housing to low-income residents, helped beautify the city, and brought the community a state-of-the-art water treatment plant, which replaced the dilapidated existing plant.

WHEREAS, the city, committed to providing affordable housing for its residents in an effort to stop gentrification, offered to assist the Railroad Avenue residents by relocating them in return for approval to build a water plant on the contiguous land.

WHEREAS, the city conducted a grass root public awareness campaign educating residents about the numerous benefits of the project.

WHEREAS, the model this project followed is the first of its kind in the southeast United States. It addressed issues such as urban landfill, assisting displaced residents, providing affordable housing in upscale communities, and building state-of-the-art utilities.

WHEREAS, the end result was a beautiful water treatment plant that provides state-of-the-art water to residences throughout the City of Winter Park and a beautiful affordable housing project that blends architecturally with the surrounding community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, that:

The nomination of the City of Winter Park Railroad Avenue Residences & Water Treatment Plant project for the Florida League of Cities' City Spirit Award has the unanimous support of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held at City Hall in Winter Park, Florida, on the 8th day of August 2005.

Mayor Kenneth "Kip" Marchman

Attest:

Cynthia S. Bonham City Clerk