A Resolution Honoring Congressman C.W. Bill Young

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce recognizes the exemplary congressional service of Congressman C.W. Bill Young of the 13th District of Florida; and,

Whereas, Mr. Young served as a dedicated representative of his Florida constituents in the House of Representatives from 1971 – 2013; and,

Whereas, Mr. Young dedicated himself to supporting the people of his district, Tampa Bay, the State of Florida and the United States through his membership on the House Appropriations Committee from 1973-2013; and,

Whereas, Mr. Young served with distinction as Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations from 1999-2005; thereafter he chaired the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense; and,

Whereas, Mr. Young tirelessly supported through his congressional service, membership on the Appropriations committee and personal efforts, the men and women of America’s armed services and in particular the military mission at MacDill Air Force Base, Central Command and Special Operations Command; and,

Whereas, Mr. Young sponsored legislation and provided critical leadership that caused the creation of a national bone marrow registry whereby saving the lives and giving hope to countless Americans; in his honor, the national registry is called, the “C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program;’ and,

Whereas, Mr. Young began his public service as a member of the Florida State Senate from 1961-1970; and,

Whereas, Mr. Young was a nine-year veteran of the Army National Guard, and six more as a reservist; and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors hereby recognizes and honors the favor and distinction the Honorable C.W. Bill Young brought to Tampa Bay, our state and our nation through his service; we are forever grateful for Mr. Young’s dedication, leadership and representation.
Therefore, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce supports Congressional legislation to rename the Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Approved in Tampa, FL on this 24th day of October, 2013

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Robin DeLaVergne, Chair-Elect