

Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman  
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Harvey Ewing Proclamation

I would like to take a moment to say a few words about the late Harvey Ewing. Mr. Ewing was an exceptional individual who served his community tirelessly. Everyone knew him. Everyone loved him. He knew no strangers.

Mr. Ewing served as mayor of Hilton Head Island for several years, he was a founder of the dynamic greater island committee which takes an active interest in the important issues that affect the lives of citizens. He did many good deeds as president of the lions club, the chamber of commerce and the trade council back in Maryland before he moved to Beaufort County. He was also elected president of the Maryland state chamber of commerce and the Hilton head island chamber of commerce, he was president of the century club of Hilton head and the list goes on and on, he was busy and productive. He was a beloved leader and citizen and we are grateful for his service.

Those of us on county council are especially grateful for the leadership and support he gave as a member of the Aviation Board for many years. He helped us succeed in developing an important asset to our citizens and our economy. Mr. Ewing was a pilot and he loved to fly, he loved serving on the board and we loved having him there. It was an honor to know him and to work with him.

Now, Mr. Ewing's family has honored Beaufort County, his daughters are donating a beautiful sculpture of an eagle to the people of Beaufort County in honor of their father. The eagle is the perfect symbol for Mr. Ewing's love of county. He served in two wars and his dedication to aviation and to the Hilton Head Island airport, the piece was created by Michael F. Maiden and is entitled "the American dream", you can see a photo of it up on the screen.

We are humbled by this wonderful gesture and council will accept the sculpture donation from the Ewing family with deep appreciation, we have prepared a proclamation to that effect tonight, the sculpture will be unveiled at a ceremony at the Hilton Head Airport this Friday, October 16 at 1:30 pm in the commercial terminal passenger lobby. Everyone is welcome to attend.