

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
NO. 91R-474

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF WILLIAM WESLEY PETERS, ARCHITECT AND DESIGNER OF THE VAN WEZEL PERFORMING ARTS HALL IN SARASOTA.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the City Commission, duly assembled, pauses to recognize the passing of a reknowned architect; and

WHEREAS, William Wesley Peters was an engineer, architect and designer of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. As a protege and first architectural apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright, Mr. Peters served as structural engineer for many of Wright's most famous buildings, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York and several award-winning buildings on the campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Mr. Peters took over Wright's famous Taliesin Associated design firm after the architect's death in 1959.

WHEREAS, regardless of the fact that the Van Wezel's unusual shape and color have kept it controversial throughout its history, it is known and admired worldwide for its outstanding acoustics and elegant, symmetrical design. Mr. Peters has graced the City of Sarasota with a beautiful, functional building, a tribute to the Arts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Commission of the City of Sarasota, duly assembled, does hereby pause in honor of William Wesley Peters, and does by this resolution and public record, recognize the profound influence of Mr. Peters upon this community, recognizing further that his death is a distinct loss to citizens of the world.

Section 2. That the City Auditor and Clerk of the City of Sarasota is hereby directed to spread this resolution on the minutes of the City Commission to remain in the archives of the City of Sarasota as a lasting tribute and to send a copy of this resolution, appropriately framed, to the bereaved family of the deceased in recognition of the respect and honor of his family and fellow citizens.

ADOPTED at the special meeting of the City Commission on July 29, 1991.


Fredd Atkins, Mayor

ATTEST:


Billy E. Robinson
Billy E. Robinson, City Auditor and Clerk