

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, after growing up in Dallas and graduating from SMU, Sam Johnson began his 29 year career in the U.S. Air Force at the young age of 20; and

WHEREAS, Sam Johnson returned to Texas after serving in the U.S. Air Force as a highly decorated fighter pilot. He flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was a Prisoner of War in Hanoi for nearly seven years; and

WHEREAS, Johnson spent nearly seven years as a prisoner of war, 42 months in solitary confinement; and

WHEREAS, a decorated veteran and war hero, Johnson was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, and three Outstanding Unit Awards; and

WHEREAS, after his distinguished military career, Johnson started a home-building business from scratch and served in the Texas legislature. In 1991, he embarked on a new mission of service to his country - representing the people of Texas' Third District in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne wishes to recognize Congressman Sam Johnson in public for his service to his country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. VERNON, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 4, 2008 AS:

"CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE THIS 4th DAY OF February, 2008.

MAYOR ROBERT L. VERNON