



The CITY OF DELAND
Volusia County, Florida

Proclamation

Whereas, Roger Gilmore is being honored by The DeLand-Deltona Beacon staff, family and friends on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and

Whereas, Roger Gilmore a native of Chicago, Illinois spent his formative years growing up in Vermont; he attended the University of Florida and upon graduating in 1959 he came to DeLand and began a lifelong career in sports journalism; and

Whereas, he and his wife Mary were blessed with four children; they are proud grandparents of 10 grandchildren – four granddaughters and six grandsons; and

Whereas, Roger has had a long and successful career reporting sports activities for the DeLand Sun News for 31 years and then for The DeLand Beacon for the past 17 years. It has been his passion to report informatively, accurately and positively about youth sports in West Volusia. Aside from his reporting, he has enthusiastically volunteered his time and involved himself in programs that promote youth in sports; and

Whereas, because of his excellent sports coverage and his support of youth athletic programs, Roger Gilmore has been inducted into the FHSAA “Hall of Fame” as well as the High Schools of DeLand Hall of Fame, and the Pierson-Taylor Hall of Fame. He was honored as the 2006 West Volusia Sportsperson of the Year. In March of 1997 the “Roger S. Gilmore Field” for Little League in DeLand was dedicated in his honor.

Now, therefore, I, Robert F. Apgar, Mayor of the City of DeLand, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 16, 2009 as

Roger Gilmore Day

in the City of DeLand and urge all gathered here today to give special recognition to Roger Gilmore on the occasion of his 80th birthday. We extend to him our sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, healthy years in the future.

Done and proclaimed this 16th day of June 2009.

Robert F. Apgar, Mayor

Attest

Julie A. Hennessy, City Clerk - Auditor