

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Thomas J. and Jane "Carter" Cobb were the "All American" couple. Both were longtime residents of our community, having graduated from Mainland and Seabreeze High Schools, both worked in Daytona Beach, but Ormond Beach was their home; and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of his law studies at Stetson in DeLand, Tom joined his father's law practice in 1939, as well as serving in the Navy in World War II. After his father's death, he practiced alone for several years before joining Warren Cole, creating Cobb & Cole, which is now the largest law firm in Central Florida's East Coast. He has been honored for a host of contributions, including his service as State Representative from 1947 through 1956, Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, and the Civic League of the Halifax Area's distinguished service award. Tom was also instrumental in bringing the LSO to our area--you could argue that the LSO's visit gave rise to a whole industry here; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom and Carter were passionate about gardening, as Carter was a charter member and past president in the Cherry Laurel Garden Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom and Carter were avid naturalists spending much of their time outdoors with their four children, boating, bird watching, and exploring; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cobb family has many fond memories of Rockefeller Gardens, as they lived across the river from Rockefeller Gardens for almost 30 years and were co-owners of the Ormond Hotel and The Casements for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cobb siblings, Thomas, Tracy, Susan and Jennifer, wish to honor their parents with a permanent memorial with emphasis on art, nature, and dedication to improving the quality of life in their hometown. They believe a Paul Baliker sculpture of a beautiful Tarpon leaping up from the center of the pond at Rockefeller Gardens is a meaningful way to make a strong and graceful statement of gratitude to their parents for their contributions to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2011, as a day to remember and honor

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day to commemorate the lifelong commitment of Tom and Carter Cobb to making a better quality of life for the community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.



  
**ED KELLEY**  
Mayor