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Title

Expressing heartfelt appreciation to the City of Key West, Florida, and the Tampa, Florida, First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders" for their efforts to correct a 108 year oversight and to provide a proper memorial for Frank B. Booth, one of Madison's forgotten native sons.

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WHEREAS, Frank B. Booth was born in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1876; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered to serve his country in March 1898; and

WHEREAS, he also volunteered to join Theodore Roosevelt's New Mexico "Rough Riders"; and

WHEREAS, he trained for duty in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he joined other "Rough Riders" in Cuba in April 1898; and

WHEREAS, he was seriously wounded in the line of duty during the Battle of Las Guisimas on June 24, 1898; and

WHEREAS, he was sent by ship to Key West, Florida, with the assistance of the local Catholic nuns for medical care at the military post hospital; and

WHEREAS, sadly, he passed away from his wounds on August 31, 1898; and

WHEREAS, he was laid to rest in a burial plot donated by the Key West, Florida, Odd Fellows Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Key West, Florida, Home Guard provided Frank B. Booth with a proper burial with military honors; and

WHEREAS, he was not provided with a headstone bearing his name and his military service to his country; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa, Florida, First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders" recently discovered that the Madison, Wisconsin, native son was not provided with proper recognition for his military service; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa, Florida, First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders" successfully petitioned the United States Veterans Administration Graves Section to provide Frank B. Booth with a proper headstone honoring him and his service to his country; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa, Florida, First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders" will hold a special dedication of the memorial marker for this valiant "Rough Rider" on Saturday, April 22, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, and the Madison Common Council express their heartfelt appreciation to the City of Key West, Florida, and especially to the Tampa, Florida, First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders" for their efforts to correct a 108 year oversight and to provide a proper memorial for Frank B. Booth, one of Madison's forgotten native sons.