

# PROCLAMATION

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, according to 1<sup>st</sup> **Corinthians 13**, “Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails”. And according to Arthur William Matthews, Jr. and Betty Jean Brown, both from small rural towns in southeast Georgia, no truer scriptures were ever written or deserved to be held closer to their hearts. The couple patiently waited, trusting and protecting their marriage, persevering for five months to keep their union a secret, hoping that “Love never fails; and

**WHEREAS**, after seeing the young basketball player on the courts of his high school alma mater, Arthur William Matthews Jr. started scoring points of his own with Betty's father by taking two of her 15 siblings on dates with them to the picture show and Teen Club. Then seven months after finally revealing his and Betty's Christmas Eve wedding, the Army Specialist Fifth Class left the military, packed up his teenaged bride and moved his family to South Florida; and.

**WHEREAS**, In 1961, the Matthews were among the first homeowners in Riviera Beach Heights, 22 years later the couple built their current residence, in which they have been living ever since. Betty Jean taught Home Economics to Palm Beach County students for 30 years, while Arthur owned and operated an 18 wheeler truck for two decades, hauling goods for Tropical Shipping; and

**WHEREAS**, next week, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews Jr. will celebrate 60 joyous years of marriage, love and dedication, while also reflecting on the holiday season which, for them, began December 24, 1955, rendering four sons, a lifetime of memories and a symbol of family loyalty for all to be in awe; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur and Betty Matthews once again are proving to be a living translation of 1<sup>st</sup> **Corinthians 13**, “Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Together now for more than six decades, they are indeed, proving, that “**Love never fails**”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me, along with friends, family and residents of this great City, do hereby wish Mr. and Mrs. Matthews Jr. a happy 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 24, 2015. We recognize the tremendous impact Arthur and Betty Jean have had in their family and in the lives of all those people they have touched in the City of Riviera Beach.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, Two Thousand Fifteen, A. D.

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Thomas A. Masters, Mayor

**Attest:**

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Claudene L. Anthony, CMC City Clerk