

In Memoriam



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. One of these individuals was **Albert Byrne Litschgi, Sr.**, a well-respected Attorney, business and community leader who passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at age 96; and

WHEREAS, known as Byrne, Mr. Litschgi was born in Charleston, South Carolina on December 31, 1920, the son of the late Catherine Byrne and Albert William Litschgi, and the family moved to Tampa, Florida when he was a child where he grew up in Seminole Heights and graduated from Henry B. Plant High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Litschgi earned his Bachelor of Arts and Science Degrees from the University of Florida where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Florida Blue Key and President of his senior class, and thereafter he served in the United States Navy during World War II, retiring as Commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Litschgi received his Jurist Doctor (J.D.) from Harvard Law School where he served on the Harvard Law School Council and as Class of 1948 Secretary, and thereafter was named a member of the District of Columbia and Florida Bar Associations, and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, and he began his outstanding career in Washington, D.C. as a Legislative Assistant to the late Florida Senator George A. Smathers, and as an Attorney in the United States Treasury Department including the Office of the International Finance, Tax Legislative Council and International Finance, and he was a partner with a D.C. legal firm; and

WHEREAS, returning to Tampa in 1960, Mr Litschgi founded Merchant Bancorporation and was the Board Chairman of Manatee Terminals, Inc., SL Industries, Inc., Executive Committee of Orange-Co, Inc., and he was a Senior Partner at prestigious Holland and Knight, an international law firm, where he specialized in Corporate Management and was an expert in federal regulations, tax and financial matters; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Litschgi served in many leadership capacities including working on the presidential campaigns of Adlai Stevenson, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, he was appointed Director and Chairman of the Finance Committee of Communications Satellite Corporation by President Kennedy, he was a member of the U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Advisory Group, appointed Chairman of The Florida Hospital Cost Containment Board by Governor Bob Graham, served as Chairman of the Tampa Downtown Development Authority, was instrumental as the City of Tampa mayoral representative in the development of extensive projects including Tampa City Center, Harbour Island and TECO Plaza, and was a board member for Metropolitan Ministries and Jesuit High School Foundation, Advisor to Emory University School of Nursing, Vice Chairman of Hillsborough County Governance Review Committee, and he was a devout member of Christ the King Parish and was recognized by His Holiness Pope John Paul II and by Bishop Robert Lynch, receiving the *Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice St. Jude the Apostle*, awarded in honor of his service; and

WHEREAS, known as a man true to his word and to his friends, and an inspiration to all who knew him, he will be forever remembered for his devotion and love of his family, his intellect, ethics and generous nature, and although we are grieved at the loss of this outstanding citizen, his legacy will continue to live on through the improvements he brought to our community and in all those whose lives he has touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Albert Byrne Litschgi, Sr. Family, his son Albert Jr., daughter Kathy, Grandchildren and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the impact of his life on our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of February, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor