

# In Memoriam



Jane Castor, 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 nation and one of these individuals was **Professor Edwin (Ed) Maley**, a well-respected, beloved and accomplished Martial Arts Sensei (Teacher) who passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at the age of 87; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Maley was born on December 29, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Irving and Johanna Maley, and his love of martial arts began when he was a teenager, and it carried on while he served our nation in the United States Air Force, as a Sergeant with the Strategic Air Command; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his honorable discharge from MacDill Air Force Base, Professor Maley made Tampa, Florida his home with his late wife Toby, and thereafter established the Florida School of Judo in 1963, where he taught the physical, mental and moral disciplines of the art of Judo, and where its motto was *Nice People and Champions are Made Here*; and

**WHEREAS**, devoted to his students for over 65 years, Professor Maley encouraged them to strive for excellence and to commit to building their strength, endurance, confidence and character, and many of the approximately 80,000 men, women and children of all ages he taught became proficient masters of Judo, some becoming members of the United States Olympic Judo Team, and he supported local recreation centers and organization that were committed to physical health and well-being including the YMCA where, at age 87, he was still teaching the art of Judo; and

**WHEREAS**, respected nationally as a Master, Professor Maley was a ninth-degree red belt, a distinction held by very few people globally, he won many national Air Force and Amateur Athletic Union championships and seven consecutive Florida State championships, and he was honored many times including receiving the Black Belt Magazine's *Best Traditional Judo School in the United States* and *Black Belt Instructor of the Year*, Hillsborough County's *Son and Daughter Award*, World Head of Family Sokeship Council's *Historical Figure Award*, and he was inducted into several Halls of Fame including Black Belt and World Martial Arts; with all of his accolades over his lifetime, he was most proud of his students who utilized his teachings to become successful, giving and better individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, well respected for his for physical and mental fitness advocacy, he will forever be remembered for his love of his family and friends, commitment to the art and discipline of Judo, community service, and especially for his dedication to his beloved students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, 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 Professor Edwin Maley Family, his son Keith, daughter-in-law Tina, grandchildren Heather, Brandi and Steffan, great grandchild Avi, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the considerable impact of his life on our community and the difference he made in so many of his students' lives.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2019.

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