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ANGELA FIORE JOHN FIORE 2009 CITY PIONEERS

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Angela Fiore and her son John Fiore have been selected by the Historical Society as Wilton Manors Pioneers for 2009. They will be presented with a City Proclamation by the Mayor at the City Commission meeting October 13th; and they will represent our Island City at the Broward County Pioneers Day celebration at the Cultural Community Center in Hallandale Beach on October 17th.

Angela Perrini Fiore was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 30, 1920. When her late husband, Sal Fiore, received a job transfer from Wilmington, Delaware to the NCR office in Fort Lauderdale, Sal and Angela bought a house in Wilton Manors for \$24,500 on the north fork of the Middle River. Along with 14-year old son, John, they moved into their new home in August 1968. A teenage John Fiore persuaded his parents to buy an 18' power boat and the Fiore family enjoyed many weekend boating excursions, passing several undeveloped lots on their way to the ocean. Occasionally, John would take his boat to high school at Cardinal Gibbons on Bayview Drive.

In late 1968, Angela Fiore began working at the Wilton Manors National Bank (now SunTrust) on N.E. 26th Street. This was the first bank in Wilton Manors, having been founded by James Dean in 1955. In 1970, Angela transferred to the First National Bank in downtown Fort Lauderdale (which became Landmark Bank). In 1980, while working at the bank branch on Commercial Boulevard and US 1, Angela became an extra as a bank teller in a movie scene filmed in the bank's lobby. The movie was "Hardly Working" starring comedian Jerry Lewis.

Angela Fiore followed her husband into retirement in 1983, and both began extensive travels throughout the U.S. and abroad. They both actively participated in their son's many political campaigns. Angela continues to be an active tennis player and fitness buff at age 88.

John Fiore worked as a copy boy at the old Fort Lauderdale News (now Sun-Sentinel) while studying journalism at Broward Community College in 1973 — 1974. While at BCC he

learned to fly a plane and became a member of the college's flight team, which won the Loening Trophy at the 1973 National Intercollegiate Annual Fly-In.

John received his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Geography and Urban Planning from the University of South Florida in Tampa in 1976. He then began Master's Degree course work in Coastal Zone Management at Nova University's Institute of Oceanography in Dania Beach.

John began his distinguished career as an urban planner in 1976 at the Broward County Planning Council. In 1983 he began work in a different field, but returned to urban planning in 1989 for the Broward County's Parks and Recreation Division where he currently administers all environmental, recreation and marine grants and reviews park site plans. John has been instrumental in Wilton Manors receiving many inland navigation and boating improvement grants.

Beginning at the age of 25, John also applied his planning skills to the benefit of the City as a member of the Wilton Manors Planning and Zoning Board. He served from 1979 to 1983 and again in 2002 to 2003.

At age 34, John was elected to the Wilton Manors City Council and became Broward County's first openly gay elected official. He served on the Council from 1988 until 2002, making him the second-longest serving elected official in the history of Wilton Manors (Marcia Stafford being the first). He was the City's Vice Mayor from 1990 — 1992 and 1998 — 2000. In March 2000 he was elected as Mayor, serving until 2002. Throughout his time on the City Council, John was active in the Broward League of Cities. He became the League's President in 2001 — 2002 and is an Honorary Lifetime Member.

John continues his many valuable contributions to our community to the present day. He has been a member of the city's Recreation Advisory Board since 2002 and is current Vice President of the East Neighborhood Association (ENA). For several years, he has been an officer of the Olivewood Condominium Association in Wilton Manors and is President of the South Florida Depression Glass Club. He has lived with his partner, Michael Pierce, for the past 17 years.