

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Present Jeff Rice Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

9:30 #1

3. MEETING DATE:

06-04-2002

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Albion
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____

BY: *Albion*

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Oth er	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Jeff Rice began officiating football in 1973 and is in his eighth year in the National Football League as an umpire with jersey number 44; and

Whereas: It takes dedication, determination and skill to be eligible for an officiating position in the National Football League. The official rule book, that each official must learn, is the thickness of a Bible, looks Greek to a layperson and all officials are given written tests and are graded on their field performance every week during the season; and

Whereas: There are only 119 officials in the National Football League, as the standards are exceptionally stringent making it very difficult to qualify. One must excel at officiating, as well as having a squeaky clean background, because they are scrutinized thoroughly by the League's security office, consisting of former FBI agents; and

Whereas: Jeff had officiated at playoff games the previous four years including the 2000 Pro Bowl and as an alternate at Super Bowl XXXV in Tampa in 2001 prior to receiving the Super Bowl assignment in 2002 in New Orleans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jeff Rice for reaching the "pinnacle" of an officiating career and on receiving his Super Bowl game ring, the "Olympic Gold Medal" of football officiating.

Duly Executed this 4th day of June 2002.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairman

