



April 15, 2026

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
6000 NW 21st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

RE: Support for Renaming the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Administration Building to the William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building

Dear Mr. James:

On behalf of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed naming of the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Administration Building in honor of William H. Crouch Jr.

Mr. Crouch's lifelong commitment to public service, aviation, and the City of Fort Lauderdale has had a lasting and meaningful impact on our community. His distinguished military service as a Navy aviator, combined with his decades of leadership at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, reflect a career marked by dedication, professionalism, and vision.

During his tenure, Mr. Crouch played a key role in the growth and development of the airport, helping secure important state and federal funding, expand airport facilities, and strengthen the airport's position as a major economic asset for the region. His leadership also extended beyond Fort Lauderdale through his service within Florida's aviation industry and professional organizations.

The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations recognizes the importance of honoring individuals whose contributions have significantly benefited our city. Mr. Crouch's accomplishments and public service represent the very best of Fort Lauderdale, and naming the Airport Administration Building in his honor would be a fitting tribute to his legacy.

Given Mr. Crouch's current health circumstances, it is especially meaningful that this recognition be considered at this time so he may personally know how deeply his service is valued and appreciated.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing this proposal. We respectfully encourage the City Commission to approve this deserving recognition.

Sincerely,

William Brown

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President

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations



April 3, 2026

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
6000 NW 21st Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Dear Mr. James

The Twin Lakes North community proudly supports the renaming of the Airport Administration Building to the *William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building*. It is our honor to recognize and celebrate Mr. Crouch's lasting legacy and contributions through this designation.

Thank you, Mr. Crouch, for your dedicated service and the positive impact you have made on our community.

Frank Polanco

Twin Lakes North HOA

President

4501 NW 11 TERRACE FT LAUDERDALE FL 33309



April 9, 2026

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
6000 NW 21st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

RE: Support for Renaming the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Administration Building to the William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building

Dear Mr. James:

On behalf of the Sunrise Intracoastal Homeowners Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the proposed renaming of the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Administration Building to the “William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building.”

Mr. Crouch’s remarkable record of military service, public leadership, and lifelong dedication to aviation make him highly deserving of this recognition. His distinguished career as a U.S. Navy Aviator, including critical missions over Southeast Asia and the Mediterranean, reflects a deep commitment to service and excellence.

Following his military career, Mr. Crouch devoted decades to the City of Fort Lauderdale and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, where he played an instrumental role in the airport’s growth and success. Under his leadership, the airport secured significant state and federal funding, expanded the Industrial Airpark, advanced Foreign-Trade Zone #241, and established the John Fuhrer Downtown Heliport. His contributions not only strengthened the airport itself, but also enhanced the broader economic vitality and aviation reputation of Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Crouch’s impact extended well beyond the airport through his leadership within Florida’s aviation community, including service as President of the Florida Airport Managers Association. His many accomplishments, honors, and decades of public service have left a lasting legacy that continues to benefit the City of Fort Lauderdale today.

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Especially at this stage in Mr. Crouch's life, as he faces a terminal illness, it is fitting that the City recognize his extraordinary contributions while he is still able to appreciate this well-deserved honor.

The Sunrise Intracoastal Homeowners Association believes it is entirely appropriate that Mr. Crouch's contributions be permanently recognized through the naming of the Airport Administration Building in his honor. We respectfully support this proposal and encourage the City Commission to approve it.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

Suzi Burstein
President
Sunrise Intracoastal Homeowners Association

Linda Blanco

From: Anthony Garrett <argarrett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 9:07 AM
To: Rufus James; Coral Ridge Isles HOA
Cc: Linda Blanco
Subject: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: FXE Request

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Rufus,

At our April board meeting, Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association unanimously endorsed FXE's intention to rename the building after Mr. Crouch.

Anthony Garrett
President, CRICA
(954) 815-7921

From: Rufus James <RJJames@fortlauderdale.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 10:44 AM
To: Anthony Garrett <argarrett@hotmail.com>; Coral Ridge Isles HOA <crihoa@gmail.com>
Cc: Linda Blanco <LBlanco@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: RE: FXE Request

Good morning Mr. Garrett,

Thank you for your response. I completely understand the residents concerns about living next to the Airport. We would greatly appreciate your support and the CRICA Board for the renaming of the building.

We have received support from some of the other surrounding HOA's who recognized the military service of the individual to the United States and employment with the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to a favorable response from the Board.

Best regards,

RJ

RUFUS A. JAMES

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From: Anthony Garrett <argarrett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 10:06 AM
To: Coral Ridge Isles HOA <crihoa@gmail.com>; Rufus James <RJAMES@fortlauderdale.gov>
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Rufus,

Please note in February 2026, Gary Lanham chose not to seek reelection and I am the new President of Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association (CRICA). But the email address and mail address have not changed.

As you can imagine, everyone wants amenities nearby - a regional airport, a trash dump, a grocery store, etc. but no one wants to live right next door it or under airplanes. I know emotions are mixed on our board.

We will review this at our April meeting.

Thanks.

Anthony Garrett
President, CRICA
(954) 815-7921

P.S. My cousin's husband is a small plane pilot and flew in and out of FXE a month or so ago, so I am very familiar with FXE.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rufus James <RJAMES@fortlauderdale.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 9, 2026, 9:04 AM
Subject: Seeking Support for Renaming of FXE Building
To: crihoa@gmail.com <crihoa@gmail.com>

Good morning, Mr. Lanham:

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to follow up regarding our previous communications sent on March 24, 2026, both by email and certified letter. In that correspondence we shared our intention to rename the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport "Administration Building" to the "William H. Crouch Jr. Airport Administration Building."

This tribute is especially meaningful, as Mr. Crouch is currently in hospice care. The renaming is a way for us to honor and recognize his remarkable contributions and years of dedicated service to the City of Fort Lauderdale. Through his various roles at the Airport from 1973 to 2004, Mr. Crouch made a lasting impact that deserves to be celebrated.

Before we present this proposal for approval at the upcoming City Commission meeting on May 19, 2026, we are seeking your support. Your endorsement would mean a great deal to us, and it would be wonderful if you could take a moment to write a brief note to the Airport Director expressing your support for this renaming initiative.

Your kind gesture would not only show appreciation for Mr. Crouch's legacy but also help us move forward with this meaningful tribute. Thank you so much for considering this request. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

A copy of the March 24 letter is attached for your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Linda Blanco

From: Betty Shelley <bjshelley5@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 9:35 AM
To: Rufus James
Subject: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Seeking Support for Renaming of FXE Building

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Yes you have my approval, I thought I had given it to you. This is always the right thing to do to remember someone who has been influential in an area and helped to make it better, All the Best. Dave Ash gave a nice report on FXE at our Board Meeting last night. Good Luck, Betty

On Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 9:10 AM Rufus James <RJJames@fortlauderdale.gov> wrote:

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