

1 Introduced by Council Member Becton:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-164**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FORMER CITY COUNCIL
7 MEMBER WARREN ALVAREZ; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
8 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Warren Alvarez, a Jacksonville native, was born and
12 raised on his family's Northside dairy farm, graduated from Andrew
13 Jackson High School and completed courses at the University of Florida
14 in dairy and farm management; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alvarez spent his entire life in the family dairy
16 business, and also had several other business interests, including
17 property development and management and a car rental business. He
18 served in the Florida Air National Guard for 31 years; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Warren Alvarez was a recognized leader in the field of
20 agriculture in Florida, include serving as president and board member
21 of the Duval County Farm Bureau for 44 years; president and charter
22 member of the Duval County Cattlemen's Association for 36 years; past
23 director of the Upper Florida Milk Producer's Association; the Duval
24 County 4-H Club Foundation; and long-time service on the Florida Farm
25 Bureau; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alvarez was civically active, especially on
27 Jacksonville's Northside, serving as acting supervisor for the Duval
28 County Soil and Water Conservation District for 22 years; Chairman
29 of the Jacksonville - Duval County Agricultural Council; Chairman of
30 the Mayor's Agricultural Advisory Board; Chairman of the North
31 Citizens' Planning Advisory Committee; and as a member of Jacksonville

1 Blue Ribbon Crime Commission, Jacksonville Comprehensive Growth
2 Management Committee and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Board
3 of Governors, among many others; and

4 **WHEREAS**, his lifetime of business and civic involvement led him
5 to run for the office of City Council, to which he was elected to
6 represent District 11 in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. Mr. Alvarez was
7 an active and effective council member, offering wise counsel with
8 his trademark folksy humor, and he was the recipient of the 2003-2004
9 Charles D. Webb Award, the City Council's most prestigious internal
10 honor; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Warren Alvarez continued to be a welcome presence in
12 the City Council office until the time of his recent passing, visiting
13 with staff and council members from time to time and sharing the
14 bounty of his orchards in citrus season along with observations about
15 the state of the city and the government; now therefore

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

17 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
18 commemorates the life and countless accomplishments of former City
19 Council member Warren Alvarez and extends its sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and many admirers. Mr. Alvarez was a dedicated
21 public servant and an effective advocate for Jacksonville's Northside
22 area and for rural and agricultural interests, always with his
23 trademark humor and easygoing manner. His wise counsel will be greatly
24 missed and long remembered.

25 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
26 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
27 of this legislation is requested. The nature of this emergency is
28 that the Council wishes to have this adopted resolution presented to
29 the Alvarez family at the upcoming funeral as a token of the Council's
30 respect and admiration for the former council member.

31 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

7 Office of General Counsel

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