

1 Introduced by Council Members White, Freeman, Salem, J. Carlucci,
2 Pittman, Amaro, Gay, Miller and Carrico and Co-Sponsored by Council
3 Member Howland:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-520-A**

7 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ST. JOHNS
8 COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SPARTANS BASEBALL TEAM ON
9 WINNING THE 2026 FHSAA CLASS 1A STATE
10 CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, the St. Johns Country Day School Spartans finished the
13 2026 season with a 26-8 record and completed a dominant playoff run,
14 shutting out every opponent through the regional quarterfinals,
15 regional semifinals, regional finals, and state semifinals before
16 defeating Orangewood Christian in the state championship; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2026, the Spartans defeated Orangewood
18 Christian 6-2 at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers to win the Florida
19 High School Athletic Association Class 1A State Baseball
20 Championship, the program's second state title in three years under
21 head coach Tom Lucas; and

22 **WHEREAS**, senior pitcher Brayden Harris delivered an outstanding
23 complete-game performance, striking out 10 batters and allowing just
24 four hits on 105 pitches while pitching on only one day of rest, and
25 contributed at the plate with two hits, including a double and a go-
26 ahead RBI single; and

27 **WHEREAS**, senior pitcher Brayden Harris concluded his season with
28 a 12-2 record, a 1.07 ERA, 165 strikeouts, and only 19 walks in 85
29 innings pitched, while also batting .400, and finished his career
30 with 526 strikeouts, surpassing the high school career total of MLB
31 strikeout king Nolan Ryan; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Spartans' championship victory was a complete team
2 effort, with senior catcher Hunter Rodgers collecting three hits in
3 the championship game and batting .390 on the season, along with key
4 contributions from Preston Cole (.340), Madden Williams (.337), and
5 pitcher Gavin Coffey, who posted a 5-2 record with a 1.47 ERA and six
6 saves; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby congratulates the St.
9 Johns Country Day School Spartans baseball team on winning the 2026
10 FHSAA Class 1A State Championship and recognizes the program's
11 sustained excellence, including five state championship game
12 appearances in six years.

13 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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