

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-599**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ROBIN
6 PATRICE SUMMERS-MURRAY ON HER LONG AND DEDICATED
7 CAREER AS A DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Robin Patrice Summers-Murray, a Jacksonville native,
11 graduated from Andrew Jackson High School, earned an associate's
12 degree in elementary education from Florida Community College at
13 Jacksonville and took her bachelor's degree in elementary and special
14 education from Edward Waters College; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Summers-Murray began her career with Duval County
16 Public Schools in 1984 as a paraprofessional at R.L. Brown 6th Grade
17 Center for five years and then moved to Cedar Hills Elementary School
18 where she taught special education and varying exceptionalities from
19 1990 to 2016. After 26 years at Cedar Hills, she transferred to Hyde
20 Grove Elementary where she taught until her retirement in June of
21 2022; and

22 **WHEREAS**, education was a love of Robin Summers-Murray from a
23 very young age and teaching was always her career goal. Realizing the
24 challenges faced by students with special needs, she learned the
25 skills and earned the certification to make that her specialty and
26 thereafter spent her career focusing on students with learning
27 disabilities. She demonstrated daily her belief that every student
28 deserves respect and preparation for adulthood in a world that may
29 not understand their disability; and

30 **WHEREAS**, her teaching and mentorship of special needs students
31 extended beyond the classroom setting. For several years she actively

1 coached her school's Special Olympics teams and oversaw recruitment
2 and training of volunteers for special education events. She developed
3 tailored lesson plans to match each student's particular needs, and
4 she also provided food and clothing to children facing difficult
5 circumstances to ensure their ability to be fully prepared to learn
6 in school; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after a teaching career spanning nearly four decades
8 that merits commendation, Robin Summers-Murray has taken a well-
9 deserved retirement; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
12 Robin Patrice Summers-Murray on her long and dedicated career as a
13 special education teacher for Duval County Public Schools and thanks
14 her for her invaluable service to Jacksonville's youth. Her dedication
15 to those of our children with learning disabilities and special needs
16 is particularly commendable and heartwarming. The City Council
17 extends its congratulations and best wishes for many years of health
18 and happiness in her retirement.

19 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 _____ /s/ Paige H. Johnston _____

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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