

1 Introduced by Council Members Lahnen, Johnson, Amaro, Howland, J.
2 Carlucci, Gay, Miller, Pittman, Salem and Carrico and Co-Sponsored
3 by Council Member Freeman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-234-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE
8 PROVIDENCE SCHOOL STALLIONS VARSITY BOYS'
9 BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2026 FHSAA CLASS
10 2A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Providence School Stallions Varsity Boys'
14 Basketball team finished its 2025-26 season with a record of 29-3,
15 17 consecutive victories, and a District 3 championship; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Stallions, led by Coach Jim Martin, dominated the
17 regional playoffs with 33-, 55-, and 27-point victories over Bishop
18 Snyder, Rocky Bayou Christian, and The First Academy before defeating
19 Northside Christian 59-43 in the state semifinals to reach the Class
20 2A state championship game; and

21 **WHEREAS**, junior forward Nolan Nelson led the Stallions with a
22 dominant double-double performance of 18 points and 13 rebounds,
23 junior guard Ryan Gornto added 14 points, including two critical
24 three-pointers in the fourth quarter, and senior guard Marvin Christie
25 made an inspirational return from injury to contribute to the
26 championship run; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Stallions overcame a hard-fought defensive battle
28 to defeat Miami Country Day 51-43 and claimed the 2026 FHSAA Class
29 2A State Championship in front of a hometown crowd at the University
30 of North Florida, becoming the first Jacksonville team to win a boys'
31 basketball state title in its own city; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the victory ended a decade-long championship drought
2 for Northeast Florida boys' basketball, as no team from Duval, Nassau,
3 or St. Johns counties had won a boys' basketball state title since
4 Bolles in 2016; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the championship marks another chapter in the
6 remarkable legacy of longtime head coach Jim Martin, whose fourth
7 state title, more than 25 years of coaching, and more than 600 career
8 victories have established him as one of the most accomplished high
9 school basketball coaches in Florida history; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The Jacksonville City Council hereby honors and
12 commends the Providence School Stallions Varsity Boys' Basketball
13 team on winning the 2026 FHSSA Class 2A Boys Basketball State
14 Championship, and extends to the players, coaches, family, friends
15 and boosters of the Providence School the City's best wishes for
16 future academic and athletic success in the years to come.

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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