

1 The Rules Committee offers the following Substitute to File No. 2026-
2 403:

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4 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Lahnen:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2026-403**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING TODD BOOTH, EXECUTIVE
9 PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF THE ALHAMBRA THEATRE &
10 DINING, FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY AND SUSTAINED
11 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND
12 ARTISTIC LIFE OF JACKSONVILLE, AND EXTENDING
13 CONGRATULATIONS UPON THE RECOGNITION AND
14 NATIONAL ACCLAIM AS ONE OF THE BEST DINNER
15 THEATERS IN AMERICA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
16 DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra Theatre & Dining stands as the longest
19 continuously operating dinner theater in the United States, a singular
20 institution where performance and hospitality converge, and where
21 generations have gathered to experience the transformative power of
22 live theater within a uniquely immersive environment; and

23 **WHEREAS**, under the creative and visionary work of Todd Booth,
24 Alhambra stage productions have not merely sustained a legacy but
25 elevated its artistic excellence with forward-thinking innovation,
26 ensuring that this treasured institution continues to thrive in a
27 modern and competitive cultural landscape; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra has earned national recognition, including
29 distinction among the top dinner theaters in the nation by *USA TODAY's*
30 *10 Best Readers' Choice Awards*, affirming the Alhambra's status as
31 both a Jacksonville landmark and a national destination for high

1 quality theatrical entertainment; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra serves as both proving ground and artistic
3 home, a tight knit creative space where emerging talent is cultivated
4 and refined, with many moving to the highest level of stage and
5 screen, and where established performers return to the immediacy and
6 authenticity of live performance, with artists such as former Miss
7 America Leanza Cornett, Conrad deAndrea Lewis, Daryl Ruben Hall, Dr.
8 James Webb, Tara Conner Jones, Paige O'Hara, Morgan Fairchild, and
9 Dawn Wells shaping and being shaped by its stage; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra's legacy is further defined by the
11 presence of celebrated performers whose appearances have elevated its
12 national stature, including Betty Grable in her final stage
13 performance, as well as Jamie Farr, Barbara Eden, Sally Struthers,
14 and Loretta Swit, each contributing to a lineage of excellence that
15 continues to resonate within Jacksonville's cultural narrative; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra's distinction extends beyond the stage,
17 offering a curated culinary experience that complements its
18 performances, where thoughtfully prepared cuisine transforms an
19 evening at the theater into a fully realized sensory experience,
20 reinforcing the Alhambra's role as a destination where artistry and
21 hospitality meet with intention and care; and

22 **WHEREAS**, through its productions, workforce, and sustained
23 operations, the Alhambra drives economic activity, supports local
24 employment, strengthens tourism, and serves as a cornerstone of
25 Jacksonville's creative economy, demonstrating that investment in the
26 arts yields both cultural enrichment and tangible community benefit;
27 now therefore

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

29 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Todd Booth and
30 the Alhambra Theatre & Dining for an enduring commitment to artistic
31 excellence, cultural preservation, culinary distinction, and economic

1 impact within the City of Jacksonville. The City Council recognizes
2 the Alhambra as a defining institution, one that does not simply
3 entertain, but elevates, connects, and sustains the cultural life of
4 this city.

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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