

Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Diamond, and Pittman:

RESOLUTION 2025-622

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES
MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE IN AQUATIC
ROBOTICS AND THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE
CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE INTERNATIONAL SEAPERCH
CHALLENGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School, located in
Atlantic Beach and part of Duval County Public Schools, achieved
historic success by winning consecutive international championships
at the International SeaPerch Challenge in 2024 and 2025, held at the
University of Maryland in College Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Mayport's teams dominated multiple categories,
with Team Anglerfish becoming the Middle School Stock Class Champion,
Team Stingrays winning the Open Class Championship, and Team Flying
Fish setting a world record in the Middle School Obstacle Course; and

WHEREAS, the victorious 2024 teams featured exceptional students
who diligently worked to accomplish their goals under the guidance
of coaches and supporting mentors; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Mayport's Stingrays team successfully defended
their title as Open Class Champions, secured first place in the Open
Class Mission Course that tests the robot in simulated deep-sea
exploration, and placed second in the Open Obstacle Course,
demonstrating exceptional consistency and skill; and

WHEREAS, the 6th grade Flying Fish team again captured first
place in the Middle School Obstacle Course, showcasing remarkable
agility and precision, while the AnglerFish seventh grade team earned
second place in the Open Class Technical Design Report, highlighting

1 their advanced engineering and documentation skills; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School's robotics
3 program, supported by a robust STEM-focused curriculum and dedicated
4 coaches, has consistently demonstrated excellence, amassing over 50
5 regional, state, and international awards, and cultivating student
6 leaders who inspire younger peers and the Jacksonville community at
7 large; and

8 **WHEREAS**, these achievements have garnered significant local and
9 national media attention, bringing pride to the City of Jacksonville
10 and Northeast Florida, with support and recognition from the City of
11 Atlantic Beach, local businesses, community organizations, and Duval
12 County Public Schools; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Mayport Coastal
15 Sciences Middle School upon their second consecutive championship at
16 the International SeaPerch Challenge. Jacksonville City Council
17 applauds Mayport's students, faculty and mentors for their excellence
18 and ingenuity in the field of aquatic robotics.

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/ Shannon MacGillis

26 Office of General Counsel

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