

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman and Pittman & Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby,
3 Boylan, Becton, Salem and Bowman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-449-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING
8 THE PASSING OF JOAN TURNER; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Joan Turner was the wife of Aaron Turner for more
12 than fifty years; she was a mother, a grandmother and a great-
13 grandmother. She was a graduate of the University of North Florida,
14 and Dowling College in Oakdale, New York and the O.M. Kelly
15 Seminary and Training Institute in New York City, New York; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Joan Turner was a treasured public servant who worked
17 for the City of Jacksonville for more than two decades, and a
18 volunteer who donated countless hours of her time to helping
19 others. Mrs. Turner earned the honor of numerous awards over the
20 years, including the L.I. Alexander Community Services Award from
21 the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce-Northwest Council; the NAACP
22 Sallye B. Mathis Community Services Award; the Community Service
23 Award for Northeast Florida for giving of her services to the
24 Community by Onyx Magazine; the Team Leadership Award by the City
25 of Jacksonville; Outstanding Leadership and Community Service Award
26 by the Senior Life Foundation, Inc.; and commendations from the
27 Jacksonville City Council; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Joan Turner was a tireless advocate for
29 Jacksonville's senior community, and worked especially hard to
30 provide social and financial support for the low-income aging-
31 population. Mrs. Turner also gave her time to serving on several

1 organizations, such as the Florida Council on Aging and the Senior
2 Life Foundation in Jacksonville; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Joan Turner was a woman of strong Christian faith, an
4 Angel of Mercy and was widely admired for her compassion and
5 dedication to community outreach. Mrs. Turner served as the leader
6 of the Senior Ministry for the Open Arms Christian Fellowship, and
7 she was an inspirational role model in the community; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Joan
10 Turner for a lifetime of faithful service to our community and
11 mourns her passing. City Council extends condolences to her family,
12 friends and to all who were fortunate to have known her.

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/ Margaret M. Sidman

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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