Introduced by Council Member Gay and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Carrico and Diamond:

## RESOLUTION 2025-545-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CHARLES "CHUCK" U. CHITTY, JR., RECOGNIZING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDUSTRY, COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVED ONES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" U. Chitty, Jr., a respected entrepreneur, skilled tradesman, IBEW Local 222 Union member, accomplished racecar driver, and beloved family man, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2025, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chitty graduated from Wildwood High School in 1969 and completed the rigorous four-year SELCAT electrical apprenticeship program, which laid the foundation for a successful and impactful career in the utility industry; and

WHEREAS, he was the founder of Heart Utilities, Inc. and later of C & C Powerline, Inc., both of which contributed meaningfully to the growth of Florida's electrical infrastructure before being successfully transitioned through sale; and

WHEREAS, beyond his entrepreneurial achievements, Mr. Chitty was a talented and decorated dirt track race car driver, passionately competing for over three decades and leaving his mark on the racing community; and

WHEREAS, in his later years, he embarked on an ambitious and innovative project involving underwater excavation and gold recovery in the Bering Sea, Alaska, demonstrating his unyielding spirit of adventure, vision, and determination; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Chitty was predeceased by his devoted wife of 53 years, Amelia Chitty, and by his parents, Charles U. Chitty, Sr. and Peggy Sue Chitty; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his sons Charles "Chuckie" U. Chitty, III, (Kim), and Chad Aaron Chitty, along with his sisters, Barbara Adcox (John) and Marie Merritt, nieces, nephews, and many other extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Chitty's life reflected the values of hard work, perseverance, ingenuity, and family devotion, and his legacy serves as an inspiration; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby honors and commemorates the life of Charles "Chuck" U. Chitty, Jr., and expresses its sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

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

/s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

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