

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 DeFoor, White, Clark-Murray, Becton, Newby, Ferraro, Howland, Bowman,
3 Freeman, and Morgan:
4
5

6 **RESOLUTION 2023-250-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
8 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAMIR BOULOS "SAM" SALEM
9 AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE SALEM FAMILY ON
10 THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT PASSING; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
12

13 **WHEREAS,** Samir Boulos Salem was born in Ramallah, Palestine
14 and immigrated as a child with his family to the United States in
15 1957, settling in Jacksonville. He grew up on the Westside of town
16 and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1969; and

17 **WHEREAS,** in 1975, Mr. Salem took over operation of his father's
18 business, the legendary Whiteway Deli, in the Park and King
19 neighborhood. The delicatessen was established in 1927 and was owned
20 and operated by Sam's father, Boulos "Paul" Salem, from 1962 until
21 1975 when Sam took over the business; and

22 **WHEREAS,** for 40 years Mr. Salem operated Whiteway Deli as a
23 neighborhood institution where regulars and newcomers alike from
24 around the city were served good food and treated as family, and
25 photos of hundreds of satisfied customers covered the walls as
26 testimony to the enjoyment the restaurant provided to its patrons;
27 and

28 **WHEREAS,** in addition to his devotion to the family business,
29 Mr. Salem was deeply involved in community service, serving on the
30 boards of directors of the Park and King Merchants Association,
31 Riverside Avondale Preservation, St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, and

1 the Museum of Science and History. He was also a member of St. George
2 Antiochian Orthodox Church, where he served on the Parish Council,
3 and of The Ramallah American Club of Jacksonville; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
5 passing of this outstanding businessman, citizen and friend; now
6 therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
9 the life and accomplishments of Samir Boulos "Sam" Salem and extends
10 its sincere condolences to his family, friends, and generations of
11 customers on the occasion of his passing. For decades Mr. Salem was
12 the embodiment of a successful businessman who cared for his customers
13 and his city as much as he cared for his family and church, and he
14 will be greatly missed.

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

18
19 Form Approved:

20
21 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

24 GC-#1563099-v1-2023-250-A.docx