

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Miller, Johnson, Boylan, Howland, Diamond and Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-789-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING KIPP JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC
7 SCHOOLS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY,
8 RECOGNIZING ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
9 PUBLIC EDUCATION, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND THE
10 BROADER JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) is a non-profit
14 network of college-preparatory public charter schools educating
15 elementary, middle, and high school students, working with nearly
16 125,000 students in 278 schools across the United States, including
17 Jacksonville; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, KIPP opened its first school in Jacksonville
19 and in the State of Florida, KIPP Impact Academy, with 90 fifth
20 graders, followed by the opening of KIPP VOICE Academy in 2012, KIPP
21 Bessie Coleman Academy in 2015, and KIPP Bold City High School in
22 2021, representing 3,200 students across North and West Jacksonville;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, KIPP Jacksonville has consistently demonstrated a
25 commitment to utilizing best practices to support students' academic
26 achievement through small group instruction, blending learning, and
27 co-teaching, while maintaining a high level of rigor to ensure
28 students are college and career-ready; and

29 **WHEREAS**, this commitment to student outcomes is evidenced in the
30 end-of-year testing used to measure student learning, which, for the
31 2024-2025 school year, showed that a larger percentage of students

1 who attended KIPP reached proficiency in subjects ranging from Civics,
2 Math, and Biology, when compared to the district and State of Florida;
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4 **WHEREAS**, KIPP Bold City High School graduated its inaugural
5 class of seniors in 2025, with a graduation rate of 97 percent,
6 solidifying a high-quality K-12 pathway for Duval County students;
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8 **WHEREAS**, KIPP Jacksonville has fostered strong community
9 partnerships, empowered families, and contributed to the broader
10 educational ecosystem of Jacksonville, providing students with
11 learning opportunities driven by the values of inclusive learning,
12 team and family, continuous growth, high expectations for all, and a
13 commitment to community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is proud to recognize the
15 positive impact that KIPP Jacksonville has made over the past 15
16 years by transforming lives and communities through the power of
17 education; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors KIPP Jacksonville
20 on the occasion of its 15th anniversary, celebrating its unwavering
21 dedication to educational excellence. The City Council extends its
22 gratitude to the leadership, educators, staff, students, alumni, and
23 families of KIPP Jacksonville for their commitment and contributions
24 to the city.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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