

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Salem, Becton, Bowman, Diamond, DeFoor, Dennis,  
3 Howland, Gaffney, Morgan & Pittman:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-279-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFETIME OF  
8 ACHIEVEMENTS AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF CALVIN  
9 BURNEY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was born February 4, 1953 and grew up in  
12 North Carolina. He earned a Bachelor's in Science from the  
13 Historically Black University, Fayetteville State, and then his  
14 Master's degree in city planning at the Georgia Institute of  
15 Technology; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney made the city of Jacksonville his adopted  
17 home when he came to Northeast Florida in 1978 to work for the  
18 Regional Planning Council as a planner for seven Northeast Florida  
19 counties. Jacksonville is also where Calvin found his soulmate when  
20 he met and married Betty; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1986 Calvin Burney became a planner for the Florida  
22 Department of Transportation. In 1989, Mayor Tommy Hazouri appointed  
23 him to the twin roles of Chief of Transportation for the City and  
24 Director of the Jacksonville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was known as a visionary transportation  
26 and city planner, able to plan for decades into the future amongst  
27 layers of complicated requirements and regulations. He had a hand in  
28 many of Jacksonville's largest projects, including the expansion of  
29 Mayo Clinic to St. Johns Town Center, the J. Turner Butler corridor,  
30 Gate Parkway, the Brooklyn neighborhood, and Dames Point; and

31 **WHEREAS**, from 2011 to 2015 Calvin Burney was the Director of the

1 Planning and Development Department for Jacksonville during Mayor  
2 Alvin Brown's administration. Upon his retirement, Calvin spent his  
3 time managing his consulting firm, Transportation Planning Group  
4 Inc., sharing time with friends and family and maintaining his two  
5 beloved classic cars; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was a loving husband to Betty, a doting  
7 father to Calvin, Jr. and Tashlai (his wife) and Craig, a proud  
8 grandfather to Calvin, III, brother and brother-in-law, family man,  
9 fraternity brother (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.), and a friend  
10 and inspiration to so many others; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was an active member of St. Paul AME  
12 Church, where he served as a trustee and a teacher, and he had a keen  
13 ability to get things done without compromising his integrity. He was  
14 a longtime public servant and a trailblazer who loved the City of  
15 Jacksonville and did all that he could to make our city thrive; now  
16 therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Calvin  
19 Burney's lifetime of public service, his numerous professional  
20 achievements and the positive impact he made on our community.  
21 Jacksonville City Council expresses sincere condolences to the Burney  
22 family, friends and loved ones upon his passing.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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