

1 Introduced by Council President Newby and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Cumber, Diamond, White,  
3 Bowman & Becton:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-860-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
8 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DEACON THEOTIS JEFFERSON;  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, a native of Sanderson, Florida, Theotis Jefferson  
12 attended public schools in Baker and Columbia counties. After serving  
13 in the U.S. Army, he relocated to Jacksonville and became deeply  
14 involved in the Church of God by Faith; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jefferson was selected as a deacon of the church  
16 in 1956 and later that year was selected to represent the Jacksonville  
17 District as chairperson, campaign manager and fundraiser for the  
18 Matthew-Scippio Academy; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Deacon Jefferson also served as a National Sunday  
20 School Teacher and Usher. On the district level, he served 30-years  
21 as Chairman of the Jacksonville District Finance Board and 20-years  
22 as Sunday School Superintendent, Board of Christian Education member  
23 and Usher. At the local level, he served as Chairman of the Board of  
24 Deacons, Church Clerk and Sunday School Teacher for 47-years; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Deacon Jefferson was appointed to the National Finance  
26 Board of the Church of God by Faith in 1976. For approximately 45-  
27 years, he served the church by assisting in fund acquisition for  
28 church repairs, purchases, loans, and church construction. It is  
29 believed that Deacon Jefferson was the longest serving member on the  
30 National Finance Board; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent

1 passing of Deacon Jefferson and wishes to express its sympathy to his  
2 family and friends; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
5 the life and work of Deacon Theotis Jefferson and his lifetime of  
6 servant leadership. The Council extends its sincere condolences to  
7 his family, friends and congregation in their time of sorrow.

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

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12 Form Approved:

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14  /s/ Page H. Johnston

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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