

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

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-47-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE
7 PASSING OF DR. WILLIAM LEWIS CODY SR.; PROVIDING
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS,** Dr. William Cody Sr. was a devoted husband to his
11 wife Betty for 51 years, he was a loving father to his children,
12 William Jr. and the late Caroline, and he was a doting grandfather
13 to Laurel and Elliott; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Dr. William Cody Sr. was a caring physician in
15 Jacksonville for more than 30 years. He was named the Department Head
16 of Obstetrics and Gynecology Division at the Naval Air Station in
17 1990 and opened his private practice the next year. He was nominated
18 by his OBGYN peers for his expertise to be included in the Best
19 Doctors Inc. database and was recognized as "Top Rated" amongst First
20 Coast Physicians; and

21 **WHEREAS,** in 2020, Dr. Cody retired as Managing Partner of St.
22 Vincent's Hospital Division IV of North Florida OBGYN, after a
23 distinguished career and delivering more than 4,100 babies; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Cody was a military veteran and a faithful
25 congregant at the Bethel Church. He was a trusted friend, and a valued
26 mentor to doctors in training. In 2014, Dr. Cody was honored with the
27 OneJax Institute's Humanitarian Award in recognition of the countless
28 hours he spent mentoring and teaching in the St. Vincent's family
29 practice residency; and

30 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Cody served as Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi
31 Fraternity, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida Alumni Chapter, and chaired

1 the group's annual charity golf tournament for 18 years to raise
2 funds for numerous scholarships to deserving high school seniors. He
3 served as President of the Deerwood Rotary Club, leading fundraising
4 efforts for the First Tee of North Florida, Duval County Teacher of
5 the Year, Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Samuel W. Wolfson High
6 School Interact Club, and St. Boniface Haiti Foundation; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Dr. William Cody Sr. treasured his family and made
8 time to travel the world with them each year. He also prioritized his
9 patients, striving to not just be a doctor, but to be a good doctor;
10 now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the life
13 of Dr. William Lewis Cody Sr., for his steadfast dedication to his
14 family and friends, his commitment to helping the community in so
15 many ways, and for his decades of providing the best care to his
16 patients. Jacksonville City Council mourns Dr. Cody's passing and
17 extends condolences to his family and friends, with the hope that his
18 memory provides comfort to all who knew and loved him.

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

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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