

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-843**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PASTOR RODNEY "R. J."
7 WASHINGTON, SR.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Rodney J. Washington, Sr., a native of Jacksonville,
10 graduated from William Raines High School, received his Associate's
11 degree from Florida Community College at Jacksonville, and earned a
12 Doctor of Theology degree from C.H. Mason Bible College; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Apostle R. J. Washington and his wife, Prophetess April
14 Washington, founded his ministry in 1985 in an apartment with a
15 congregation of less than ten people, which subsequently grew into
16 the Titus Community Outreach Harvest Center in 1990 and ultimately
17 to the much larger Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum Church located on
18 Atlantic Boulevard which opened in 2002; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Washington built upon the growing popularity of
20 his Jacksonville church by expanding its reach into the media,
21 broadcasting services and inspirational programming on local
22 television and radio stations which were subsequently syndicated onto
23 national networks such as BET and he regularly appeared on the Trinity
24 Broadcast Network (TBN) and Daystar Television. His ministry took him
25 around the world to preach and to participate as a speaker at
26 conferences in locales ranging from Europe to South America to Africa;
27 and

28 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the Church's ministries, which include
29 feeding the homeless and providing safe shelter for men and homes
30 through transitional housing, Pastor Washington was involved in
31 several business ventures including a hotel, a restaurant and a radio

1 station; and

2 **WHEREAS**, prior to his untimely death in 2017, Pastor R. J.
3 Washington had a well-earned reputation as a man of integrity and
4 transparency, mentoring and guiding other pastors and inspiring his
5 congregation with his preaching and his example; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
8 the life and accomplishments of the late Pastor R. J. Washington,
9 Sr., founder of Titus Harvest Dome ministry, a powerful force for
10 good in our community.

11 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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