

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Amaro, Peluso, Salem, Lahnen,
2 Miller, Howland, Freeman, Carlucci, White and Gaffney, Jr.:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-126**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING GUSTAVO
7 GUZMAN FOR HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2024 JACKSONVILLE
8 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND FOR HIS
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TERRY PARKER COMMUNITY;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS,** Gustavo Guzman, a third-year biology teacher at Terry
13 Parker High School, has been recognized for his energy, commitment,
14 and effectiveness as an educator, empowering students with positive
15 affirmations based on character development, academic growth, and
16 athletic accomplishments; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Guzman, the son of agricultural laborers and a
18 first-generation college graduate who graduated Magna Cum Laude from
19 Edward Waters University, alumni member of the Delta Psi Chapter of
20 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is currently working on a master's
21 degree in education public policy, and serves as the site director
22 for the 5000 Role Models of Excellence program assisting minority
23 male youth by providing positive role models and mentors; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Guzman's effectiveness in the classroom is
25 demonstrated in the material success of his students, as one of his
26 classes increased their test scores by 22% during the 2022-2023 school
27 year; and

28 **WHEREAS,** During the 33rd Annual EDDY Awards, Gustavo Guzman has
29 been named the 2024 VyStar Duval County Teacher of the Year, having
30 been selected by a committee of volunteers from a cadre of exceptional
31 educators throughout Duval County; and

1 **WHEREAS,** for his victory, Mr. Guzman will receive a cash prize
2 and classroom grant, serve as an ex-officio member on the Jacksonville
3 Public Education Fund Board of Directors, and will be considered for
4 Florida Teacher of the Year in July alongside other exceptionally
5 effective teachers throughout the state; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
8 Gustavo Guzman for being named the 2024 Duval County Teacher of the
9 Year and for his commitment to the success of the students of Terry
10 Parker High School and the Duval County Public Schools system. The
11 City Council recognizes the vital role that teachers play in our
12 community, with Mr. Guzman standing out among them as an inspirational
13 role model for his students. The City Council extends its
14 congratulations to Mr. Guzman on receiving this honor and commends
15 him and his students for the hard work that they continue to
16 exemplify. The Council extends best wishes for the continued success
17 of Mr. Guzman, his students, and Terry Parker High School.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Eamon Webb, City Council Research

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