

1 Introduced by Council Member Clark-Murray:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-336**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DUVAL  
6 TEACHERS UNITED ON ITS 50 YEAR HISTORY OF  
7 SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR TEACHERS,  
8 PARAPROFESSIONALS, OFFICE PERSONNEL AND  
9 SECURITY GUARDS WORKING IN DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC  
10 SCHOOLS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON  
11 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS,** Duval Teachers United was formed in 1974 during a  
14 period of upheaval and contention about the funding and administration  
15 of public education in Florida following the statewide teachers strike  
16 in February and March of 1968; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Duval Teachers United resulted from a series of  
18 negotiations between competing teacher unions and produced a single  
19 organization to represent teachers in their negotiations with Duval  
20 County Public Schools on matters including compensation, benefits and  
21 working conditions in schools; and

22 **WHEREAS,** in subsequent years the union expanded its membership  
23 to include paraprofessionals, office employees and security guards  
24 as well as teachers and now represents the collective interests of  
25 the vast majority of school personnel in the district; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Duval Teachers United has long advocated for  
27 recognition of the professionalism and dignity of education  
28 professionals and has created avenues for in-service professional  
29 development of its members utilizing the latest in proven research  
30 along with workshops and conferences featuring leaders in the field  
31 of education research; and

1           **WHEREAS,** DTU and its compatriots in other counties vigorously  
2 advocate for the needs of the public education system at the state  
3 level before the Florida Legislature, the Governor, and the Florida  
4 Department of Education to ensure that the needs of students,  
5 families, teachers and communities are understood, respected and  
6 appropriately funded to support the vitally important mission of  
7 public education in the state; now therefore

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

9           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commends  
10 Duval Teachers United on its 50-year history of successful  
11 representation of the interests of its membership in the collective  
12 bargaining process and its strong commitment to advocacy and publicity  
13 for the importance of a high-quality public education system in  
14 Florida. As advocates for the dignity and importance of the teaching  
15 profession, DTU performs a valuable service in the education of  
16 Florida's next generation of citizens and leaders and the City Council  
17 commends the organization's members and leaders for their important  
18 work.

19           **Section 2.           Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
20 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction  
21 of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that  
22 the City Council wishes to extends its congratulations to the  
23 organization on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will occur on May 8, 2024  
24 prior to the next available City Council meeting.

25           **Section 3.           Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

4 Office of General Counsel

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