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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-722-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING BILL WARNER  
8 FOR HIS COUNTLESS BUSINESS, MILITARY AND  
9 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO JACKSONVILLE AND  
10 NORTHEAST FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville resident Bill Warner, a lifelong car and  
13 racing enthusiast, attended public schools in Duval County, earned  
14 his Engineering degree at The Citadel in 1966, and then began three  
15 simultaneous careers (1) managing his family's industrial filter  
16 business, (2) retiring as a Major after 30 years with the Florida Air  
17 National Guard, and (3) developing his life-long interest writing and  
18 photographing sports cars, and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Warner was named 1970 Photographer of the Year by  
20 the Sports Car Club of America and earned similar prestigious awards.  
21 His exceptional writing ability led to his award-winning career in  
22 the automotive media. His pictures and articles have appeared in  
23 national and international publications, including *Road and Track*  
24 (*since 1971*); and

25 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Warner is the author/co-author of historic  
26 automotive books, including "The Other Side of the Fence, Six Decades  
27 of Motorsport Photography" (2021) and "Cuba's Car Culture" (2016);  
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, Bill Warner is an internationally known automotive  
30 expert judge, entertaining speaker, and racing driver. He has  
31 participated in well-known national and international racing events,

1 including the famous "Sea to Shining Sea" Cannonball (later a movie)  
2 and the "One Lap of America" Cannonball. In addition to racing, he  
3 restores and collects historically interesting classic sports and  
4 race cars; and

5 **WHEREAS**, his interest in classic vehicles, combined with his  
6 "golden rolodex" of industry legend racing drivers, designers and  
7 manufacturers, led to his founding in 1996 of The Amelia Island  
8 Concours d'Elegance, one of the great automotive events of its type  
9 in the world. The event annually attracts thousands of local residents  
10 and a star-studded international audience of auto enthusiasts, race  
11 drivers, collectors and media, and was several times been named  
12 "Motoring Event of the Year" by *Octane* magazine; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in its 25-year history the Concours has raised over  
14 \$3.7 million for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Spina Bifida  
15 Jacksonville, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Shop With  
16 Cops Program of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County, which represents  
17 just a portion of the contribution that Bill Warner has made to the  
18 betterment of the community; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1.** The City hereby honors and commends Bill Warner  
21 for his countless business, military and charitable contributions to  
22 Jacksonville and Northeast Florida, and thanks him for his generosity.  
23 The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is a world class event that  
24 effectively introduces our First Coast to an international audience.

25 **Section 2. 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/ Paige H. Johnston          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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