

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Hazouri:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-131**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF
7 MARTIN A. GOETZ FROM RIVER GARDEN SENIOR
8 SERVICES AFTER 43 YEARS OF SERVICE; PROVIDING
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Martin Goetz graduated from Elmont Memorial High
12 School on Long Island, NY and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree
13 from Kent State University, a Master of Science in Health Services
14 Administration from SUNY at Stony Brook, and a Master of Public
15 Administration from the University of North Florida; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Mr. Goetz was the recipient of the Dr. Herb
17 Shore Young Administrator of the Year Award by the Association of
18 Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) in Washington, DC. In 2005, Mr. Goetz
19 was elected to the AJAS Board of Directors and served as its board
20 chair from 2011-2013. In 2016, he was presented with the Dr.
21 Herbert Shore Award of Honor; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Martin Goetz worked at Jackson Health System in
23 Miami from 1975 to 1977 as an Assistant Administrator. Mr. Goetz
24 joined River Garden Senior Services as an Associate Administrator
25 in 1978 and served as the Chief Operating Officer from the mid-80's
26 until 2004 when he assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer.
27 Over his 43-year tenure, River Garden has grown to include a 180-
28 bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility; The Coves, an 80-
29 unit independent living community; a Medicare certified home health
30 agency; adult day care; and a Foundation. River Garden Senior
31 Services is a not-for-profit, mission-driven community agency

1 offering an array of elder care programs and services on a 40-acre
2 campus in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. The organization is
3 sponsored by the organized Jewish community and it serves clients
4 from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining an
5 environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish
6 values; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Goetz is a past member of the board and
8 executive committee of the Florida Association of Homes & Services
9 for the Aging (FAHSA) what is currently known as Leading Age
10 Florida. In 2001, he received FAHSA's Public Policy Award, and in
11 2003 he was the recipient of FAHSA's Distinguished Service Award,
12 the highest award given by the association, and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Mr. Goetz was presented with the Chairman's
14 Award by FAHSA in recognition of his years of service to the board
15 and its members. In 2008, he was elected by FAHSA membership to a
16 three-year term in the American Association of Homes and Services
17 for the Aging (now LeadingAge) House of Delegates; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Goetz also served from 2002 to 2006 as a member
19 of the Community Advisory Board for Av-Med Health Systems, a
20 statewide managed healthcare organization with a central office in
21 Gainesville. In addition, he has served as a member of the Dean's
22 Advisory Council at the University of North Florida Brooks College
23 of Health. Mr. Goetz served on the Board of Directors for OneJax
24 Institute from 2014-2020. He will be the recipient of a Silver
25 Medallion award at the OneJax Humanitarian Awards on April 15,
26 2021; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates
29 Martin A. Goetz for his 43 years of service at River Garden Senior
30 Services and for his impact on the senior community in Jacksonville
31 and wishes him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

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

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5 Form Approved:

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7 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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