

Introduced by Council Member J. Carlucci:

RESOLUTION 2025-45-A

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING KEVIN PRYOR FOR HIS
LEADERSHIP IN THE CHESS COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Kevin Pryor hails from Mount Vernon, New York but chose to make his home in Northeast Florida. In 2020, he retired from Johnson & Johnson after a 37-year career in which he excelled in personnel development, improving systems, and managing projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pryor is an internationally recognized chess instructor certified by the World Chess Federation, a US Chess Federation Senior Tournament Director, and Certified Chess Coach; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Pryor's leadership revitalized competitive chess in Northeast Florida by restoring the defunct Jacksonville Chess Club in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pryor trained children to compete locally, state-wide and nationally, and initiated a program series that brings US Chess Federation-rated competitions to children; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Pryor previously served on the US Chess Federation's States & Affiliates Committee and Senior Committee, and as the President of the Florida Chess Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Mr. Pryor was elected as the 32nd President of the US Chess Federation, the governing body for chess players and supporters in the United States; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby commends Kevin Pryor for his leadership in the Northeast Florida chess community. The Council appreciates his efforts to rebuild the Jacksonville Chess Club, to

1 expand youth access to the game, and to promote competitive chess on
2 a local, state and national level.

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

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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