

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-47**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE
6 PASSING OF DR. WILLIAM LEWIS CODY SR.; PROVIDING
7 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS,** Dr. William Cody Sr. was a devoted husband to his
10 wife Betty for 51 years, he was a loving father to his children,
11 William Jr. and the late Caroline, and he was a doting grandfather
12 to Laurel and Elliott; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. William Cody Sr. was a caring physician in
14 Jacksonville for more than 30 years. He was named the Department Head
15 of Obstetrics and Gynecology Division at the Naval Air Station in
16 1990 and opened his private practice the next year. He was nominated
17 by his OBGYN peers for his expertise to be included in the Best
18 Doctors Inc. database and was recognized as "Top Rated" amongst First
19 Coast Physicians; and

20 **WHEREAS,** in 2020, Dr. Cody retired as Managing Partner of St.
21 Vincent's Hospital Division IV of North Florida OBGYN, after a
22 distinguished career and delivering more than 4,100 babies; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Cody was a military veteran and a faithful
24 congregant at the Bethel Church. He was a trusted friend, and a valued
25 mentor to doctors in training. In 2014, Dr. Cody was honored with the
26 OneJax Institute's Humanitarian Award in recognition of the countless
27 hours he spent mentoring and teaching in the St. Vincent's family
28 practice residency; and

29 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Cody served as Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi
30 Fraternity, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida Alumni Chapter, and chaired
31 the group's annual charity golf tournament for 18 years to raise

1 funds for numerous scholarships to deserving high school seniors. He
2 served as President of the Deerwood Rotary Club, leading fundraising
3 efforts for the First Tee of North Florida, Duval County Teacher of
4 the Year, Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Samuel W. Wolfson High
5 School Interact Club, and St. Boniface Haiti Foundation; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Dr. William Cody Sr. treasured his family and made
7 time to travel the world with them each year. He also prioritized his
8 patients, striving to not just be a doctor, but to be a good doctor;
9 now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the life
12 of Dr. William Lewis Cody Sr., for his steadfast dedication to his
13 family and friends, his commitment to helping the community in so
14 many ways, and for his decades of providing the best care to his
15 patients. Jacksonville City Council mourns Dr. Cody's passing and
16 extends condolences to his family and friends, with the hope that his
17 memory provides comfort to all who knew and loved him.

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/ Carla A. Lopera

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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