

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Lahnen, Howland, Freeman and Miller:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-996-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
7 WARS POST 4761 CELEBRATION OF MAY 22, 2025, AS
8 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS REMEMBRANCE DAY AND
9 RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN
10 WARS POST 4761 TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF VETERANS
11 WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES DEFENDING FREEDOM
12 INCLUDING BY GIFTING A MONUMENT TO NEW STANTON
13 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND STANTON COLLEGE
14 PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO HONOR STUDENT VETERANS;
15 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS,** with 1.5 million members located in over 6,000 Posts
18 worldwide, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary are
19 dedicated to veterans' services, legislative advocacy, and community
20 programs; and

21 **WHEREAS,** founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American
22 War and the Philippine Insurrection, the Veterans of Foreign Wars'
23 mission through the years has focused on securing rights and benefits
24 for veterans; and

25 **WHEREAS,** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4761 ("VFW Post 4761")
26 works throughout the year to empower veterans, recognize service and
27 patriotism, and build community; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the General Daniel "Chappie" James Post 4761 in
29 Jacksonville was organized on October 5, 1991, and named as an homage
30 to the life and military career of General Daniel "Chappie" James,
31 who in 1975 became the first African American officer in the history

1 of the United States military to attain the rank of four-star General;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** on May 25, 2023, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post
4 4761 gifted a monument to New Stanton Senior High School and Stanton
5 College Preparatory School to honor student veterans who served in
6 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and in Afghanistan. The
7 inscription states: "The Veterans of Our Military Service have put
8 their lives on the line to protect the freedom that we enjoy. They
9 have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be
10 recognized for their commitment."; and

11 **WHEREAS,** included amongst the student veterans honored and
12 recognized by the VFW Post 4761 monument is Stanton College
13 Preparatory School graduate Army Seargeant Wakkuna Almira Jackson who
14 enlisted to save money for medical school but was tragically killed
15 in action on August 19, 2006, in Kunar, Afghanistan at age 21; now
16 therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville does hereby join
19 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4761 in their celebration of May 22,
20 2025, as Veterans of Foreign Wars Remembrance Day. The City Council
21 appreciates the efforts by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4761 to
22 preserve the memories of fallen heroes who gave their lives defending
23 freedom on battlefields across the globe.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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