

1 Introduced by Council Members Pittman and Johnson and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci,  
3 Carrico, Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland,  
4 Lahnen, Miller, Peluso, Salem, and White and amended on the Floor of  
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2026-121-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE,  
10 PUBLIC SERVICE, AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE  
11 TERRY L. FIELDS, FORMER MEMBER OF THE  
12 JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND FORMER MEMBER OF  
13 THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
14 RECOGNIZING HIS LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO WORKING  
15 PEOPLE, COMMUNITY ADVOCACY, AND PUBLIC SERVICE,  
16 AND EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF  
17 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,  
18 FLORIDA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND IMPACT; REQUESTING  
19 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING  
20 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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22 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields was a son of Jacksonville, Florida,  
23 whose life reflected the values of persistence, faith, and purpose,  
24 and whose career demonstrated a deep respect for the people and places  
25 that shaped him; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Terry L. Fields devoted his life to  
27 Jacksonville, answering the call of public service with a steady  
28 commitment to neighborhood advocacy, economic dignity, and  
29 opportunity for everyday people; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields pursued higher education and personal  
31 growth, including earning a bachelor's degree from Florida

1 Agricultural and Mechanical University, and completing post graduate  
2 studies at Florida State University, reflecting a belief that learning  
3 strengthens leadership and leadership strengthens communities; and

4       **WHEREAS**, before elected office, Terry L. Fields built a working  
5 life grounded in labor and practical experience, including service  
6 as a Member of the International Longshoreman Association Local #1408,  
7 maintaining a lived understanding of the challenges faced by working  
8 families; and

9       **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields served the public through multiple  
10 roles, including service on the Jacksonville Civil Service Board,  
11 demonstrating a long-standing commitment to fair processes, public  
12 accountability, and respectful government; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields served as a Member of the Jacksonville  
14 City Council representing District 7 from 1991 to 1999, championing  
15 community needs, neighborhood stability, and the idea that local  
16 government must stay close to the people; and

17       **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields later served in the Florida House of  
18 Representatives representing District 14 from 2000 through 2008,  
19 carrying Jacksonville's voice to Tallahassee and working to advance  
20 policies shaped by the realities of constituents and communities; and

21       **WHEREAS**, in addition to his public service, Terry L. Fields  
22 served as a teacher at Duval Charter School at Westside, where he  
23 mentored middle school students and helped prepare the next generation  
24 for leadership and civic engagement, including through his leadership  
25 of the Wildcat Gentlemen, also known as the Young Men of DCSW, a  
26 program that provided young men with leadership tools, brotherhood,  
27 and community service opportunities, and through which his dedication  
28 to education and mentorship was recognized by local and state  
29 officials, including members of the Jacksonville City Council and the  
30 Florida Legislature, reflecting a long-standing commitment to public  
31 and educational service whose impact will extend across generations;

1 and

2       **WHEREAS**, throughout his public life, Terry L. Fields earned a  
3 reputation for accessibility and advocacy, reflecting a model of  
4 leadership rooted in service, visibility, and the belief that  
5 government must deliver for the people it represents; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the life and service of Terry L. Fields continue to be  
7 celebrated and remembered by family, friends, colleagues, students,  
8 and community members, and the City of Jacksonville proudly reflects  
9 on a legacy of leadership, mentorship, and public service that helped  
10 shape the civic fabric of this city; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council desires to formally honor  
12 and celebrate the life, service, and legacy of the Honorable Terry  
13 L. Fields, and to express its deep appreciation to his loved ones and  
14 all those who carry forward the values he championed; now therefore

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

16       **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors and remembers the  
17 life and public service of the Honorable Terry L. Fields, former  
18 Jacksonville City Council Member and former Florida State  
19 Representative and recognizes his lasting contributions to  
20 Jacksonville and to the State of Florida. City Council recognizes  
21 Terry L. Fields as a leader whose public work reflected commitment  
22 to working people, neighborhood voice, and civic responsibility, and  
23 whose legacy remains present in the lives he touched and the  
24 communities he served. Jacksonville City Council hereby expresses its  
25 sincere appreciation to the family of Terry L. Fields, especially his  
26 son John Paul Terry Fields, and acknowledges the enduring impact of  
27 his service, mentorship, and leadership.

28       **Section 2.       Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
29 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
30 introduction of this Resolution is requested. The nature of the  
31 emergency is the desire to timely convey condolences to the Fields

1 family.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

9 Office of General Counsel

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