

1 Introduced by Council Members Diamond, Amaro, Lahnen, Gay, Salem,
2 Miller, Freeman, and Peluso:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-564**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND
7 CONTRIBUTIONS OF WAYNE "BUDDY" GEIS; PROVIDING
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS,** Wayne "Buddy" Geis, a legendary collegiate and
11 professional football coach and beloved member of the Neptune Beach
12 community, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2025; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Coach Geis, born and raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania,
14 was a standout athlete at Altoona Area High School, graduating in
15 1965, and went on to lead a distinguished 30-year coaching career
16 that spanned college and professional leagues; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Coach Geis's career included positions at Tulane
18 University, the University of Kansas, and Memphis State; he also
19 served as an assistant coach with the Jacksonville Bulls, Green Bay
20 Packers, Indianapolis Colts, and Dallas Cowboys, and was later the
21 offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Georgia Tech; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Coach Geis played a pivotal role in developing several
23 NFL Hall of Famers and standout athletes, including Sterling Sharpe,
24 Jim Harbaugh, Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin, and Calvin Johnson; and

25 **WHEREAS,** Coach Geis was inducted into the Blair County,
26 Pennsylvania, Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 in recognition of his
27 contributions to the sport and community, and was renowned for his
28 mentorship, wisdom, and lasting influence on players, coaches, and
29 the football community; and

30 **WHEREAS,** Coach Geis made Neptune Beach his home for many years,
31 walking the shoreline at sunrise, frequenting Southern Grounds for

1 coffee and conversation, and mentoring young athletes at football
2 camps; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Coach Geis was a loving husband to his wife Jere,
4 devoted father to Adam (Julie) and Jeni, cherished grandfather to
5 Jered, Jackson, and Daisy, and brother to Danny (Kay), Judy, Dottie,
6 Bonnnie, Nancy (Richard), and Susan, along with other family, friends,
7 former players, neighbors, and colleagues who were deeply touched by
8 his wisdom, humor, and generosity; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors the life and
11 legacy of Wayne "Buddy" Geis as a legendary coach, devoted family
12 man, and treasured member of the Beaches community and expresses its
13 deepest condolences to the Geis family.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 _____/s/ S MacGillis_____
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Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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