

1 Introduced by Council Members Amaro, Johnson, Miller, Pittman,
2 Lahnen, J. Carlucci, Howland, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr. and Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-235**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE
7 UNIVERSITY DOLPHINS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR
8 WINNING THE 2026 ATLANTIC SUN (ASUN) CONFERENCE
9 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville University Dolphins Women's Basketball
13 Team demonstrated exceptional skill, perseverance, and teamwork
14 throughout the 2025-2026 season, finishing with a remarkable 24-8
15 record and earning the number two seed in the 2026 Atlantic Sun (ASUN)
16 Conference Women's Basketball Tournament; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2026, at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena in
18 Jacksonville, the Dolphins emerged victorious at the ASUN Conference
19 Women's Basketball Championship with a thrilling 66-63 overtime
20 victory, beating Austin Peay State University; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the championship game showcased the team's resilience
22 and determination as the Dolphins battled through a tightly contested
23 matchup that went to overtime before victory was secured; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the raw talent and skill of the whole team were on
25 display, with decisive performances by Priscilla Williams, who
26 delivered 13 rebounds and scored 16 points; Carmaya Bowman, who
27 contributed a strong performance with 10 points scored; Comari
28 Mitchell, who secured the lead in overtime, paving the way to victory;
29 and Makiya Miller, who sealed the game with two free-throws with only
30 nine seconds left on the clock, earning her the title of the ASUN
31 Tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

1 **WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Head Coach Special Jennings and
2 the dedicated coaching staff, the team has exemplified excellence in
3 athletics, academics, and sportsmanship; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this championship win marks Jacksonville University's
5 second ASUN women's basketball title and the first in nearly a decade,
6 while earning the team a spot in the NCAA Women's Basketball
7 Tournament for only the second time in program history; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville University Dolphins Women's Basketball
9 Team's achievement brings pride and national recognition to the City
10 of Jacksonville and serves as an inspiration for student athletes
11 throughout Northeast Florida; now, therefore

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

13 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors the Jacksonville
14 University Dolphins Women's Basketball Team for their victory in the
15 2026 Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and congratulates the
16 players, coaches, and staff for their extraordinary accomplishment.

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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