

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-91-A**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
6 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAMUEL DAVIS, JR.
7 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS PASSING; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Samuel Davis, Jr., a native of Macon, Georgia, moved
11 to Jacksonville as a young child and graduated from Douglas
12 Anderson Junior/Senior High School where he was an outstanding
13 basketball player; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Davis attended Florida Junior College then served
15 in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, earning an Air Medal for meritorious
16 service before returning to Jacksonville after his military
17 service; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Samuel Davis studied broadcasting at Jones College
19 and subsequently worked for 36 years for WTLV television, retiring
20 as an operating engineer in 2009. He was also the producer of
21 "Blues Power Productions" inviting blues artists to the North
22 Florida area and was a radio DJ of a blues show and a Sunday
23 morning gospel show on WCGL radio for many years; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after his retirement, Mr. Davis devoted much of his
25 time to Douglas Anderson #107 Alumni Association of which he was
26 President. He was instrumental in getting the historical marker
27 for Douglas Anderson High School #107 designated by the State of
28 Florida and for getting an honorary street marker, "Nathaniel S.
29 Washington Sr. Parkway" which is located on White Ave., the street
30 running beside Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. He spent many

1 hours planning events leading up to the annual schoolwide Grand
2 Reunion and Scholarship Program and also instrumental in developing
3 a partnership between Douglas Anderson Jr. Sr. High School #107 and
4 the current Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. He was also a
5 member of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Foundation Board;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** Samuel Davis was a loving husband and father and a
8 long-time active member of Jerusalem Baptist Church and Bethel
9 Baptist Institutional Church; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and
12 commemorates the life and numerous accomplishments of Samuel Davis,
13 Jr. upon the occasion of his passing, and extends to his family,
14 friends and colleagues its sincere condolences. Sam Davis was a
15 great Jacksonvillian and will be sorely missed.

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

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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