1 Introduced by Council Members Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Amaro, Miller, 2 Salem, Lahnen, and Pittman: 3 4 5 RESOLUTION 2025-571 A RESOLUTION HONORING PARIS RICHARDSON ON BEING 6 7 CROWNED MISS FLORIDA 2025, AND COMMENDING HER 8 EXEMPLARY DEDICATION ΤO PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE; PROVIDING THE 9 COUNCIL'S INTENT ТО 10 PRESENT RESOLUTION; 11 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 12 13 WHEREAS, Paris Richardson, a proud Jacksonville native and 14 15 alumna of Jean Ribault High School (Class of 2020), has made our community proud by being crowned Miss Florida 2025, the first Miss 16 17 Gainesville winner since 1952 - a monumental achievement that places 18 her among the elite in pageant history; and 19 WHEREAS, she is a Double Gator, earning both a Bachelor of 20 Public Health (2023) and a Master of Health Administration (2025) 21 from the University of Florida, where she also served as Miss

from the University of Florida, where she also served as Miss University of Florida (2023), Miss Northeast Florida (2024), a member of Florida Blue Key, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and UF's cheerleading squad, and was inducted into the 2025 University of Florida Hall of Fame, the institution's highest student honor; and

26 WHEREAS, Paris distinguished herself as a research assistant 27 on a prestigious NIH grant-funded study aimed at improving trust and 28 wellness among African American women in reproductive health, 29 demonstrating leadership grounded in evidence and compassion; and

30 WHEREAS, her talents - including captivating acrobatic dance
31 - and her visionary community service initiative, C.R.O.W.N. of Health

1 (Community Research Outreach Wellness Nutrition), exemplify a drive 2 to dismantle barriers in healthcare equity, rooted in integrity and 3 action; and

WHEREAS, through her remarkable achievements and authenticity,
Paris Richardson has become a beacon of possibility, proving that
excellence is not merely achieved, but cultivated through courage,
discipline, and an unrelenting faith in one's calling; and

8 WHEREAS, her story serves as both a mirror and a map for 9 countless young women, reflecting the beauty of who they already are, 10 and charting a path toward what they are capable of becoming, with 11 poise, conviction, and a crown of purpose; and

12 WHEREAS, Paris's commitment extends into early childhood 13 development, she has authored and reads her children's book, *The Not-*14 *So-Perfect Garden Project*, inspiring students in food-desert 15 neighborhoods and fostering future community leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, she was awarded more than \$39,000 in scholastic 17 scholarships through the Miss America Opportunity, including a 18 \$20,000 prize as Miss Florida, Paris is poised to shine on the 19 national stage in September's Miss America Competition at The Walt 20 Disney Theater at the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts in 21 Orlando, Florida; and

22 WHEREAS, from Jacksonville's Northside to the state stage, Ms. 23 Richardson is a beacon of purpose, leadership, and service, inspiring 24 others through her grace, intellect, and commitment to health and 25 community upliftment; now therefore

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

27 Section 1. The City Council hereby commends Paris 28 Richardson for her exemplary dedication to public health, education, 29 and community service, her grace, intellect, and unwavering 30 commitment to advancing health equity, embodying the ideals of servant 31 leadership and civic responsibility. The City Council salutes her

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advocacy through C.R.O.W.N. of Health, recognizing its measurable impact in bridging communication between healthcare providers and underserved communities across Florida and honors her scholarship achievements and her role as a powerful ambassador for Jacksonvilleshowcasing Jacksonville's values of perseverance, innovation, and community uplift.

7 Section 2. Providing the Council's Intent to Present 8 Resolution. That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Paris 9 Richardson, with heartfelt gratitude from her hometown for inspiring 10 young women and setting a standard of excellence that reflects 11 Jacksonville's best.

12 Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction 13 Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. Emergency passage upon 14 introduction of this Resolution is requested as Ms. Richardson will 15 begin training for the Miss America competition in August.

16 Section 4. 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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/s/ S MacGillis

23 Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

24 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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