

1 Introduced by Council Members Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Amaro, Miller,
2 Salem, Lahnen, and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-571**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING PARIS RICHARDSON ON BEING
7 CROWNED MISS FLORIDA 2025, AND COMMENDING HER
8 EXEMPLARY DEDICATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH,
9 EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE; PROVIDING THE
10 COUNCIL'S INTENT TO PRESENT RESOLUTION;
11 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Paris Richardson, a proud Jacksonville native and
15 alumna of Jean Ribault High School (Class of 2020), has made our
16 community proud by being crowned Miss Florida 2025, the first Miss
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
22 University of Florida (2023), Miss Northeast Florida (2024), a member
23 of Florida Blue Key, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and UF's cheerleading
24 squad, and was inducted into the 2025 University of Florida Hall of
25 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

4 **WHEREAS**, through her remarkable achievements and authenticity,
5 Paris Richardson has become a beacon of possibility, proving that
6 excellence is not merely achieved, but cultivated through courage,
7 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

26 **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

