

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Freeman, Boylan, Howland and Miller:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-641-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ARI JOLLY
7 OF JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON HER
8 RECOGNITION AS THE 2024 OUTSTANDING PUBLIC
9 TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR BY THE
10 AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** Ari Jolly has served on the Jacksonville
14 Transportation Authority ("JTA") Board of Directors for nine years,
15 being appointed first in 2015 and again in 2019; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Jolly has served on the JTA Board of Directors as
17 its Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair, providing a broad skillset that
18 has earned her the trust and respect of her peers; and

19 **WHEREAS,** in her duties as a Transit Board Member, Ms. Jolly
20 has donated her time and expertise to the community, participating
21 in panels regarding important, hot-button issues involving
22 transportation, including how to build support for local option gas
23 taxes and how to identify and implement best practices for Board and
24 Transit Executive relations; and

25 **WHEREAS,** in addition to serving on the JTA Board of Directors
26 in various roles, Ms. Jolly has demonstrated excellence in her private
27 career as Senior Assistant General Counsel for Florida Blue; and

28 **WHEREAS,** recognizing Ms. Jolly's consistent and valuable
29 presence on the JTA Board of Directors, the American Public
30 Transportation Association ("APTA") has selected her as 2024's
31 "Outstanding Public Transportation Board Member of the Year"; and

1 **WHEREAS,** this national award "honors an individual serving on
2 the governing board of an APTA public transportation system who has
3 made outstanding contributions to the public transportation
4 industry"; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Jolly won this award through a competitive process
6 that involved hundreds of applications from APTA governing boards
7 throughout the United States and Canada; now therefore

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the city of Jacksonville:

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Ari
10 Jolly for the time and effort that she has dedicated to the City in
11 serving in various roles on the Jacksonville Transit Authority Board
12 of Directors. The City Council understands that Ms. Jolly's receipt
13 of this honor is but a culmination of her hard work over many years
14 of service. It congratulates her on receiving this honor and wishes
15 her continued success in serving as a catalyst in the betterment of
16 public transportation systems in the City of Jacksonville.

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: Eamon Webb, City Council Research

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