

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan and Carrico:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-84**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MANDARIN  
6 HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS RECENT ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC  
7 ACCOMPLISHMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS,** Mandarin High School has maintained a 97% graduation  
10 rate for three years, with an achievable 98% goal for the Class of  
11 2024; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Mandarin High School has increased in total points on  
13 its state assessments, graduation rate, and acceleration points every  
14 year since the 2020-21 school year and has recovered its "A" grade  
15 as a result of its recent academic ascent; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the groundbreaking for construction of a new wing of  
17 the school building is expected to commence in March of 2024, with  
18 plans to house new state-of-the-art culinary and medical training  
19 facilities within the new wing; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Mandarin High School has an excellent all-around  
21 athletics program, which has resulted in the school winning the  
22 Varsity All-Conference Gateway Championship for the past five years  
23 in the girls' division and the past four years in the boys' division;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS,** this sustained run of success culminated with the  
26 2023 Mandarin High School boys' football team, led by Head Coach Toby  
27 Bullock: the Mustangs won an unprecedented four consecutive playoff  
28 games on the road, taking them to the Class 4M championship game held  
29 at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee; and

30 **WHEREAS,** three seniors from the 2023 Mandarin football team  
31 have already signed to Division I college football programs, beginning

1 their college experiences as student-athletes this month, and five  
2 other players are expected to sign to prestigious Division I schools  
3 in February, including Miami University, Penn State University,  
4 University of Alabama and Florida State University; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the football team has also cumulatively demonstrated  
6 Mandarin High School's commitment to academic excellence by  
7 maintaining a 3.2 average GPA during its championship run; now  
8 therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
11 Mandarin High School for its recent academic and athletic  
12 achievements. The Mandarin High School football team has exemplified  
13 the values of communication, consistency, and discipline that have  
14 led to its success, and Mandarin High School's academic and athletic  
15 achievements represent the culmination of the work of all teachers,  
16 staff, administrators, counselors, parents, and community members  
17 involved in Mandarin High School. The City Council extends its  
18 congratulations to the Mandarin High School community and its best  
19 wishes for continued academic and athletic success.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26           /s/ Carla A. Lopera          

27 Office of General Counsel

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