

1 Introduced by Council Members White, Carlucci, Amaro, Freeman,
2 Johnson, Salem, Pittman, J. Carlucci, Miller, Gay, Lahnen, Carrico,
3 Howland and Gaffney, Jr. and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Arias,
4 Clark-Murray, Boylan, Diamond and Peluso:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2025-116-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING JEFFREY R. "JEFF" CLEMENTS
9 UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 35 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY
10 SERVICE IN THE CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** Jeffrey Russell "Jeff" Clements was born in Kentucky
14 and raised in the South Jersey suburbs of Philadelphia, and his life's
15 path led him to the University of Virginia (UVA) in Charlottesville
16 where he met the love of his life Lee Ann Jerome; and

17 **WHEREAS,** after earning his bachelor's degree from UVA with a
18 double major in American Government and philosophy, Jeff and Lee Ann
19 moved to Columbia, South Carolina, and were married shortly
20 thereafter. Jeff earned his master's degree in Public Administration
21 and worked in local government while Lee Ann completed her PhD in
22 Marine Science at the University of South Carolina; and

23 **WHEREAS,** in 1989, the Clements relocated when Lee Ann was
24 offered a position as a professor of biology and marine science at
25 Jacksonville University; they bought a home in the Fort Caroline
26 area, where they still reside, and Jeff accepted a position with the
27 Jacksonville City Council as a Research Assistant; and

28 **WHEREAS,** after several years of stellar service to the City
29 Council in the Research Division, Jeff Clements was appointed as the
30 Chief of Research in 2001; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Clements has delivered essential support for more

1 than three decades of City Council operations; he memorialized
2 countless meetings, including for the Task Force on Consolidated
3 Government, multiple Charter Revision Commissions, annual budget
4 hearings proposed by Mayors Hazouri, Austin, Delaney, Peyton, Brown,
5 Curry and Deegan, and four cycles of Redistricting Committees; he
6 also staffed numerous Special Committees, the TRUE Commission and the
7 Duval County Election Advisory Panel; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Jeff Clements served ten classes of Council, under
9 the leadership of Council Presidents Tillie Fowler, Warren Jones
10 (twice), James Tullis, Dick Kravitz, Eric Smith, Donald Davis,
11 Virginia Soud, Alberta Hipps, Matt Carlucci, Jerry Holland, Lad
12 Daniels, Kevin Hyde, Michael Corrigan, Daniel Davis, Ronnie Fussell,
13 Richard Clark, Jack Webb, Stephen Joost, Bill Bishop, Bill Gulliford,
14 Greg Anderson, Lori Boyer, Anna Brosche, Aaron Bowman, Scott Wilson,
15 Tommy Hazouri, Sam Newby, Terrance Freeman, Ronald Salem and Randy
16 White; and

17 **WHEREAS,** over the years, Mr. Clements has grown to be a fount
18 of Council lore, a limitless repository of our city's history, and a
19 trusted resource to City staff, Council Members (past and present),
20 and the public. With his institutional knowledge, he has been trusted
21 to assist the City Council with the formulation of legislation through
22 policy research and guidance gained through his extensive experience;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS,** Jeff Clements has dependably gone above and beyond
25 his prescribed duties, leading tours of City Hall for students and
26 visitors, facilitating mock Council meetings for youth leadership
27 groups, assisting with interns and Council pages, volunteering for
28 Council installation ceremonies, and cheerfully lending a hand
29 whenever anything has been requested of him; and

30 **WHEREAS,** in his position as Chief of Research, Jeff Clements
31 has led his team with professionalism and expertise, he is

1 unflappable, encouraging, supportive, and has never been known to
2 utter a disparaging word nor complaint. As a colleague, Jeff Clements
3 is always available to share a laugh, tell a story, and to explain
4 the background on myriad topics; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Jeff and Lee Ann Clements have shared 42 years of
6 joyous matrimony, together they raised two amazing daughters,
7 Jennifer Clements (Lucas) and Christine Lane (Ricky), and were blessed
8 with two adorable grandsons, Oliver and Henry; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Jeff Clements possesses the enviable ability to give
10 150 percent while in the office but can immediately disconnect when
11 he exits City Hall. Outside of the office, Jeff has a robust personal
12 life with a calendar consistently full of engagements, he is an avid
13 patron of the arts, symphony and theater, choral performer, college
14 campus aficionado, book club member, regular Jacksonville Historical
15 Society event attendee, member of the Advisory Board of the Linda
16 Berry Stein College of Fine Arts and Humanities at Jacksonville
17 University, and an active alumnus in the UVA Club of Jacksonville;
18 now therefore

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

20 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Jeffrey R.
21 Clements for his 35 years of service in the City Council Research
22 Division. The Council extends its appreciation to Mr. Clements for
23 everything he has done over the years to support the work of the
24 Council for the benefit of the City at large, and wishes him health,
25 happiness, adventure and relaxation in his retirement.

26 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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