

1 Introduced by Council Members Amaro, Lahnen, Pittman, Freeman, White,
2 Howland, Salem, Peluso, Arias, and Diamond:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-698**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE UNITED STATES NAVY,
7 ESTABLISHED ON OCTOBER 13, 1775, UPON ITS 250TH
8 ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, on October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress
11 authorized the purchase of two vessels, thereby establishing the
12 Continental Navy to defend the colonies from British raids and
13 blockades throughout the American Revolutionary War, and henceforth
14 would become the United States Navy; and

15 **WHEREAS**, when the American Civil War began in 1861, the U.S.
16 Navy had grown from the initial two vessels to 90 ships with 10,000
17 officers and enlisted men, while the Naval War College was established
18 in 1884, and Naval aviation was inaugurated in 1910; and

19 **WHEREAS**, from deterring piracy in the Barbary Wars, to the
20 Spanish-American War, through both World Wars, and various other past
21 and modern-day conflicts as well as during peacetime, the U.S. Navy
22 has played a pivotal and instrumental role in projecting the United
23 States' foreign policy interests, diplomatic efforts, and military
24 power around the world, influencing and reassuring allies, deterring
25 adversaries, and being the vanguard for the freedom of maritime
26 navigation for all; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Navy fleet now consists of 290 ships with more
28 than 334,000 sailors and officers, and maintains Naval bases within
29 17 states and the District of Columbia, and in more than ten countries
30 across four continents, creating a strategic presence of tactical
31 deterrence, exercising control of the seas, and providing maritime

1 security and humanitarian aid in times of disasters; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Navy has strong and deep roots within
3 Jacksonville, beginning in 1940 with the establishment and
4 commissioning of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, and duty stations
5 such as Naval Air Station Cecil Field (decommissioned in 1999), and
6 Naval Station Mayport, which is headquarters to the U.S Fourth Fleet
7 that directs regional security operations and promotes peace,
8 cooperation, stability and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and
9 South American region; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the presence of and partnership with these Naval
11 installations contributed to Jacksonville becoming a thriving city
12 of growth, where many of its personnel choose to stay after their
13 time in service, further contributing to Jacksonville's success in
14 many sectors, from public to private; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors the United States
17 Navy upon its 250th Anniversary, with gratitude and appreciation for
18 the service made throughout its 250 years of existence, to those who
19 have made the ultimate sacrifice, and to all the men and women who
20 have donned the uniform in defense of freedom and our great nation.
21 Happy Birthday to the United States Navy!

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

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26 Form Approved:

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 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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