

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Lahnen and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Salem, Peluso, Pittman and Miller and substituted by  
3 the Rules Committee:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-403-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING TODD BOOTH, EXECUTIVE  
8 PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF THE ALHAMBRA THEATRE &  
9 DINING, FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY AND SUSTAINED  
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND  
11 ARTISTIC LIFE OF JACKSONVILLE, AND EXTENDING  
12 CONGRATULATIONS UPON THE RECOGNITION AND  
13 NATIONAL ACCLAIM AS ONE OF THE BEST DINNER  
14 THEATERS IN AMERICA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
15 DATE.  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra Theatre & Dining stands as the longest  
18 continuously operating dinner theater in the United States, a singular  
19 institution where performance and hospitality converge, and where  
20 generations have gathered to experience the transformative power of  
21 live theater within a uniquely immersive environment; and

22 **WHEREAS**, under the creative and visionary work of Todd Booth,  
23 Alhambra stage productions have not merely sustained a legacy but  
24 elevated its artistic excellence with forward-thinking innovation,  
25 ensuring that this treasured institution continues to thrive in a  
26 modern and competitive cultural landscape; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra has earned national recognition, including  
28 distinction among the top dinner theaters in the nation by *USA TODAY's*  
29 *10 Best Readers' Choice Awards*, affirming the Alhambra's status as  
30 both a Jacksonville landmark and a national destination for high  
31 quality theatrical entertainment; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra serves as both proving ground and artistic  
2 home, a tight knit creative space where emerging talent is cultivated  
3 and refined, with many moving to the highest level of stage and  
4 screen, and where established performers return to the immediacy and  
5 authenticity of live performance, with artists such as former Miss  
6 America Leanza Cornett, Conrad deAndrea Lewis, Daryl Ruben Hall, Dr.  
7 James Webb, Tara Conner Jones, Paige O'Hara, Morgan Fairchild, and  
8 Dawn Wells shaping and being shaped by its stage; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra's legacy is further defined by the  
10 presence of celebrated performers whose appearances have elevated its  
11 national stature, including Betty Grable in her final stage  
12 performance, as well as Jamie Farr, Barbara Eden, Sally Struthers,  
13 and Loretta Swit, each contributing to a lineage of excellence that  
14 continues to resonate within Jacksonville's cultural narrative; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra's distinction extends beyond the stage,  
16 offering a curated culinary experience that complements its  
17 performances, where thoughtfully prepared cuisine transforms an  
18 evening at the theater into a fully realized sensory experience,  
19 reinforcing the Alhambra's role as a destination where artistry and  
20 hospitality meet with intention and care; and

21           **WHEREAS**, through its productions, workforce, and sustained  
22 operations, the Alhambra drives economic activity, supports local  
23 employment, strengthens tourism, and serves as a cornerstone of  
24 Jacksonville's creative economy, demonstrating that investment in the  
25 arts yields both cultural enrichment and tangible community benefit;  
26 now therefore

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

28           **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors Todd Booth and  
29 the Alhambra Theatre & Dining for an enduring commitment to artistic  
30 excellence, cultural preservation, culinary distinction, and economic  
31 impact within the City of Jacksonville. The City Council recognizes

1 the Alhambra as a defining institution, one that does not simply  
2 entertain, but elevates, connects, and sustains the cultural life of  
3 this city.

4       **Section 2.       Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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