

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Freeman, Carlucci, Gaffney,
2 Jr., Salem, Peluso, Pittman, Boylan, Amaro and Clark-Murray:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-217**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING
7 THE PASSING OF BETTY SMITH HOLZENDORF; PROVIDING
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf was born and raised in
11 Jacksonville. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, legislator,
12 teacher, mentor, friend, and a community icon; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf was an avid scholar. She earned
14 her bachelor's degree from Edward Waters College, a master's degree
15 in biochemistry from Atlanta University, and a master's degree in
16 education administration from the University of North Florida; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf led an extraordinary career in
18 public service. She was a Duval County Public School teacher, Chair
19 of the Science Department at Edward Waters College, the City of
20 Jacksonville's Affirmative Action Officer and the Equal Employment
21 Officer, and an aide to late Mayor Jake Godbold; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Honorable Betty Holzendorf was a feared and
23 fearless leader who served four years in the Florida House of
24 Representatives and ten years in the Florida Senate. She fought
25 passionately for educational equality, access to healthcare,
26 affordable housing, and social justice. She mastered the political
27 art of taking a stand on behalf of those who need a voice, while
28 finding common ground and forging solutions; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the list of Mrs. Betty Holzendorf commendations and
30 affiliations is lengthy and esteemed. She was founder of the Northside
31 Civic Association and a member of the NAACP, National Conference of

1 Black State Legislators, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
2 and a life-long member of the African Methodist Episcopal faith
3 holding membership at Greater Grant Memorial AME Church. She was
4 honored as legislator of the year by countless organizations,
5 including the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Florida School
6 Boards Association; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf was a trailblazing
8 inspirational role model for today's generation of community leaders
9 who collectively stand on the shoulders of the giants who preceded
10 them; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates the
13 life and achievements of Mrs. Betty Holzendorf. Jacksonville City
14 Council extends condolences upon her passing to her loving husband
15 the Honorable King Holzendorf, Jr., their children Kim V. Lockley,
16 King L. III, Kevin and Kessler, their grandchildren Travis Lockley,
17 Kenadee, Deidra and Kevin Grant Holzendorf II, and to all of her
18 family, friends, colleagues and loved ones. May you find solace in
19 her memory and the knowledge that her legacy will forever be
20 cherished.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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