

1 Introduced by Council Members Gaffney and Carlucci and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members Salem, Becton, Freeman, Boylan, Newby, Howland,  
3 Morgan, Dennis, Diamond & Ferraro:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-381-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING CLARK  
8 VARGAS FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE  
9 JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
10 DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS**, Clark Vargas graduated from Jacksonville's Englewood  
13 High School, served several years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer,  
14 and earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and his master's  
15 degree in Hydraulics and Environmental Engineering from the  
16 University of Florida; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vargas held positions with two local engineering  
18 firms before founding C. Vargas & Associates, Ltd. Engineers in 1977.  
19 One of Jacksonville's leading civil engineering firms, C. Vargas &  
20 Associates has performed a wide variety of engineering work for  
21 clients in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida, as well as nationally;  
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, Clark Vargas is an expert marksman and long-time  
24 competitive shooter at the national and international level. He  
25 competed in the trials for a spot on the U.S. Olympic pistol team in  
26 1990 and is Past President and a life member of the Florida Sport  
27 Shooting Association, an Endowment Member of the National Rifle  
28 Association of America, a Life Member of the United States Practical  
29 Shooting Association, a Life Member and past Territorial Governor of  
30 the Single Action Shooting Society, and a Past Vice President of the  
31 First Coast Sports Shooting Association; and

1           **WHEREAS**, combining his life-long interest in competitive  
2 shooting with his engineering skill, Mr. Vargas is recognized as one  
3 of the world's preeminent experts in the design of indoor and outdoor  
4 shooting ranges, and his firm has designed more than 1,000 new or  
5 rehabilitated ranges for a mix of municipal, military and private  
6 clients around the world; and

7           **WHEREAS**, in addition to his business interests, Mr. Vargas has  
8 given of his time and talent in service to the community. He served  
9 for 10 years on Jacksonville's Environmental Protection Board, is a  
10 Past President of the Rotary Club of Southpoint, was a Founding Member  
11 in 1992 of The Hispanic American Business Association (which later  
12 became the First Coast Chamber of Commerce), and is a founding member  
13 and Past President of the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,  
14 which bestowed on him its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019; now  
15 therefore

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

17           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commends  
18 Clark Vargas for his decades of service to the Jacksonville community  
19 both through his successful engineering business and his active civic  
20 involvement. Mr. Vargas exemplifies civic activism for the betterment  
21 of the community and the City expresses its thanks for his many  
22 invaluable contributions.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28                     /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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