

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Clark-Murray, Boylan, Ferraro, Newby, Priestly Jackson, and
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-843-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
8 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PASTOR RODNEY "R. J."
9 WASHINGTON, SR.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Rodney J. Washington, Sr., a native of Jacksonville,
12 graduated from William Raines High School, received his Associate's
13 degree from Florida Community College at Jacksonville, and earned a
14 Doctor of Theology degree from C.H. Mason Bible College; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Apostle R. J. Washington and his wife, Prophetess April
16 Washington, founded his ministry in 1985 in an apartment with a
17 congregation of less than ten people, which subsequently grew into
18 the Titus Community Outreach Harvest Center in 1990 and ultimately
19 to the much larger Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum Church located on
20 Atlantic Boulevard which opened in 2002; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Washington built upon the growing popularity of
22 his Jacksonville church by expanding its reach into the media,
23 broadcasting services and inspirational programming on local
24 television and radio stations which were subsequently syndicated onto
25 national networks such as BET and he regularly appeared on the Trinity
26 Broadcast Network (TBN) and Daystar Television. His ministry took him
27 around the world to preach and to participate as a speaker at
28 conferences in locales ranging from Europe to South America to Africa;
29 and

30 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the Church's ministries, which include
31 feeding the homeless and providing safe shelter for men and homes

1 through transitional housing, Pastor Washington was involved in
2 several business ventures including a hotel, a restaurant and a radio
3 station; and

4 **WHEREAS**, prior to his untimely death in 2017, Pastor R. J.
5 Washington had a well-earned reputation as a man of integrity and
6 transparency, mentoring and guiding other pastors and inspiring his
7 congregation with his preaching and his example; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
10 the life and accomplishments of the late Pastor R. J. Washington,
11 Sr., founder of Titus Harvest Dome ministry, a powerful force for
12 good in our community.

13 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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