

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Diamond, Priestly Jackson, Becton, and Ferraro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-31-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
7 REGENCY SQUARE BRANCH LIBRARY ON THE OCCASION OF  
8 ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY;  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Regency Square Branch Library opened for business  
12 on January 25, 1973, after a year of construction, and provided the  
13 rapidly growing Arlington area with a spacious, new, state-of-the-  
14 art library to meet the growing needs of an expanding population; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the library was an immediate sensation with the  
16 anxiously awaiting public, providing books and other materials,  
17 meeting room space, and a wide variety of fun and educational programs  
18 to thousands of happy patrons; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the popularity and use of the library was such that in  
20 1997 it became necessary to close the 22,000 square foot branch for  
21 a two-year expansion and renovation project that added an additional  
22 5,000 square feet of space to accommodate even more computer  
23 terminals, meeting rooms, collections and administrative space; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in FY2022 nearly 120,000 patrons visited the Regency  
25 Square library, checking out more than 155,000 items, logging more  
26 than 15,000 computer sessions and attending over 2,550 meetings and  
27 programs, while also enjoying free Wi-Fi access, conducting research,  
28 and generally engaging in lifelong learning in ways only available  
29 at a well-equipped and well-staffed library; and

30 **WHEREAS**, for 50 years the Regency Square Branch Library has  
31 served Arlington and the entire City of Jacksonville with information,

1 entertainment, expertise and programming for visitors of all ages and  
2 needs; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends and  
5 congratulates the Regency Square Branch Library on the occasion of  
6 its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the community, and extends its best  
7 wishes to the staff and patrons of the library for many more years  
8 of successful operations.

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation prepared by: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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