

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Becton & Morgan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-625-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MELVA  
7 JACKSON ON HER DECADES OF CIVIC ACTIVISM ON  
8 BEHALF OF THE SPANISH POINT COMMUNITY;  
9 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;  
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, Melva Jackson, a native of Marietta, Georgia, moved to  
13 Jacksonville as a child. She graduated from the John Gorrie School  
14 and Lee and Jones Business College and worked at Camp Blanding during  
15 World War II; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Jackson, a bookkeeper by profession, has been an  
17 active and involved resident of the Spanish Point neighborhood in  
18 East Arlington for many decades, and is fondly known as the "First  
19 Lady of Spanish Point"; and

20 **WHEREAS**, for 35 years Melva Jackson served as the treasurer for  
21 her neighborhood association, collecting voluntary contributions from  
22 Spanish Point residents and arranging for the mowing, irrigation,  
23 lighting, and pest control necessary to keep the neighborhood's main  
24 entrance in top notch condition and a great source of pride for its  
25 residents; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Jackson, who has outlived several of her fellow  
27 active participants in the civic association, recently turned over  
28 her duties to a new generation of officers in order to enjoy a well-  
29 deserved retirement; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Melva Jackson is a shining example of a caring,  
31 contributing citizen, selflessly devoting time and effort on a

1 voluntary basis to improve and maintain her neighborhood for the  
2 benefit of all its residents; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this sort of civic pride and activism is deserving of  
4 recognition and praise; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
7 Melva Jackson, the "First Lady of Spanish Point", for her decades of  
8 service to her neighborhood and to the city. Her brand of civic pride  
9 and activism is the bedrock of successful communities and is greatly  
10 appreciated by all who have benefited from her efforts over the course  
11 of many, many years. The Council extends its congratulations for all  
12 her selfless service to others.

13 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**  
14 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction  
15 of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is due  
16 to the age and declining health of the honoree.

17 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

24 Office of General Counsel

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