

1 Introduced by Council Members Priestly Jackson, Newby, and Pittman
2 and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Freeman, Becton, Boylan, Ferraro,
3 Morgan & Clark-Murray:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-657-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE
8 PASSING OF DEBORAH MOSLEY NORMAN; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Deborah Mosley Norman was born and raised in
12 Jacksonville and was a proud graduate of Matthew W. Gilbert High
13 School; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Norman attended Florida Memorial University where
15 she was Vice President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and secretary
16 of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She later graduated Magna Cum Laude from
17 FMU and received the D.W. Perkins Award for the highest average in
18 Social Studies and was listed in Who's Who in Colleges and
19 Universities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Norman knew after graduation that her life's work
21 would revolve around helping the youth in her community, so she went
22 on to attend Purdue University and earned a Master of Science degree
23 in Guidance and Counseling; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after graduate school, Deborah Norman returned to
25 Jacksonville to teach at her alma mater Matthew W. Gilbert High
26 School, where she was honored to receive the "Young Teacher's
27 Achievement Award" from fellow faculty. She later followed her calling
28 to become a High School Guidance Counselor and served as Director of
29 Guidance Services for William Raines High School for thirty-five
30 years; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Norman was instrumental in securing millions of

1 dollars in scholarships for the talented Raines Graduates; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Deborah Norman received numerous honors over the years,
3 such as the "Guidance Counselor of the Year Award" from the INROADS
4 Organization of Jacksonville, the Raines "The Most Valuable Teacher
5 Award", the Raines High Golden Support Award, the Raines Legend Award,
6 the Dedicated Community Advocate Award from the Jacksonville City
7 Council, and the Humanitarian Award from the Matthew W. Gilbert Grand
8 Reunion Alumni Association; in 2019 the Guidance Suite at William M.
9 Raines High School was renamed in her honor, and in 2020 Mrs. Norman
10 was the first recipient of the Jacksonville Image Education Excellence
11 Award; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Norman was a woman of strong faith, and was a
13 pillar member of the First Baptist Church of Oakland on Eastside who
14 worked with several major youth ministries at the church. She was a
15 member of Leadership Jacksonville, volunteered as a Big Sister for
16 the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, and influenced young people
17 in the community with the I'm A Star Foundation; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Deborah Norman was a loving wife to her husband Ervin
19 Norman for 52 years, a devoted mother to her daughter Nicole, a
20 sister, cousin and a dear friend to so many. She was a valued mentor
21 to her colleagues and a beacon of light to countless students and
22 youth in our city, believing that every student has potential and
23 should be given the opportunity to triumph; now therefore

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

25 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the life
26 and service of Deborah Norman, with appreciation for the decades she
27 dedicated to helping the youth in our community become all that they
28 could be. The Jacksonville City Council extends condolences to the
29 Norman family upon her passing, with hopes that her memory provides
30 comfort to all that knew and loved her.

31 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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7 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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