

1 Introduced by Council Members Peluso, Lahnen and Howland:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-123**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE GALLANTRY OF THE
6 CAPTAINS AND CREWS ON THE USS MASON, USS CARNEY,
7 USS THOMAS HUDNER AND USS FLORIDA IN THE RED
8 SEA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, commercial ships traveling on trade routes in the Red
11 Sea have been attacked with drones, missiles and rockets launched by
12 Yemen’s Houthi rebels; and

13 **WHEREAS**, some 15 percent of international trade goes through
14 this vital waterway, and Houthi attacks put sailors at risk and
15 negatively impact international commerce legally transiting the Red
16 Sea; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the USS Mason, USS Carney, and USS Thomas Hudner,
18 homeported at Mayport Naval Station in Jacksonville, and the USS
19 Florida cruise missile submarine homeported at Kings Bay, Georgia,
20 are bravely protecting vessels and trade traffic in the area; and

21 **WHEREAS**, ideally this conflict may be resolved without further
22 escalation, however international law recognizes the right of any
23 country to defend their merchant and naval vessels; now therefore

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

25 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
26 Captains and crews aboard the USS Mason, USS Carney, USS Thomas Hudner
27 and the USS Florida for their gallantry in defending merchant sailors
28 and ships. Jacksonville City Council extends appreciation for their
29 service and efforts to preserve lives, the global economy, and the
30 free flow of commerce.

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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6 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

7 Office of General Counsel

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