

1 Introduced by Council Members Peluso, Lahnen, Carlucci, Salem, J.
2 Carlucci, Johnson, White, Diamond, Pittman, Freeman, and Boylan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-480**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LORI BOYER FOR HER
7 DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE;
8 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS,** hailing from rural Eastern South Dakota, Lori Boyer
12 made Jacksonville her home after graduating from Georgetown
13 University and the University of Florida Law School; and

14 **WHEREAS,** after a successful career in private practice
15 focusing on land use and environmental law, and then leading a large
16 real estate and management company, Ms. Boyer turned her eye towards
17 public service; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer was elected to the Jacksonville City Council
19 to represent District 5 in 2011, and she was re-elected in 2015; and

20 **WHEREAS,** during her tenure on the City Council, Ms. Boyer
21 served on the Value Adjustment Board, Tourist Development Council,
22 and five terms on the Finance Committee; she served as the Chair and
23 Vice Chair of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, and as the Chair
24 and Vice Chair of the Land Use and Zoning Committee twice; and

25 **WHEREAS,** as a Council Member, Ms. Boyer was known to dive
26 deeply into any policy issue and served on a multitude of special
27 committees; she was integral to the creation of the San Marco Overlay;
28 she was the Chair of the Task Force on Consolidated Government and
29 the Context Sensitive Streets Special Committee, and she served on
30 the Special Committee on Public Service Grants, the Special Committee
31 on the CIP, and the Special Committee on the Future of JEA; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer displayed exemplary leadership among her
2 colleagues, was elected Council Vice President in 2015 and Council
3 President in 2016, and was honored with the Robert O. Johnson Good
4 Government Award, and twice with the Charles D. Webb Award; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer dedicates much of her personal time to
6 bettering our city, through service on the San Marco Preservation
7 Society, the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross, the Jacksonville Historical
8 Society, Wolfson's Children's Hospital, and the Jacksonville Bar
9 Association; and

10 **WHEREAS,** after two terms on Council, Ms. Boyer was selected to
11 be the Downtown Investment Authority's Chief Executive Officer, where
12 she demonstrated her unwavering commitment to revitalizing downtown
13 Jacksonville since 2019; and

14 **WHEREAS,** over the last five years, Downtown Jacksonville has
15 experienced more than 50 percent population increase; and with the
16 many apartment and townhome projects underway like the Johnson Commons
17 Townhomes and the Gateway Jax Development, the growth of this
18 community is only accelerating and will double our housing inventory,
19 creating demand for more businesses, services, and amenities; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer's accomplishments include unprecedented
21 City investments in cultural and sports institutions, including the
22 Florida Theatre's renovation, the Museum of Science and History's new
23 facility, the Jacksonville Jaguars' ambitious "Stadium of the Future"
24 project, Lift Every Voice and Sing Park, the Riverwalk Expansion, and
25 the Emerald Trail; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Higher Educational facilities have relocated to, and
27 are planning future investments in, Downtown under Ms. Boyer's
28 leadership, including Jacksonville University's College of Law, and
29 the University of Florida's new graduate campus; and

30 **WHEREAS,** Lori Boyer has developed an encyclopedic knowledge of
31 Jacksonville's laws and history, she maximizes every hour of every

1 day, and she has earned a reputation as one who can find the right
2 solution for any issue; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Lori Boyer,
5 upon her retirement, for her distinguished service to the City, and
6 wishes her continued success. The City Council extends appreciation
7 to Ms. Boyer for her leadership, for all she has done to invigorate
8 Downtown, and to make the whole City of Jacksonville a better place.

9 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
10 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
11 introduction of this Resolution is requested in order to convey
12 commendation to Ms. Boyer prior to her retirement June 30, 2025.

13 **Section 3. 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/ Shannon MacGillis

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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