

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Diamond, and Pittman and Co-
2 Sponsored by Council Members Gaffney, Jr., Miller and Freeman:
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-622-A**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES
7 MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE IN AQUATIC
8 ROBOTICS AND THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE
9 CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE INTERNATIONAL SEAPERCH
10 CHALLENGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School, located in
13 Atlantic Beach and part of Duval County Public Schools, achieved
14 historic success by winning consecutive international championships
15 at the International SeaPerch Challenge in 2024 and 2025, held at the
16 University of Maryland in College Park; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, Mayport's teams dominated multiple categories,
18 with Team Anglerfish becoming the Middle School Stock Class Champion,
19 Team Stingrays winning the Open Class Championship, and Team Flying
20 Fish setting a world record in the Middle School Obstacle Course; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the victorious 2024 teams featured exceptional students
22 who diligently worked to accomplish their goals under the guidance
23 of coaches and supporting mentors; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2025, Mayport's Stingrays team successfully defended
25 their title as Open Class Champions, secured first place in the Open
26 Class Mission Course that tests the robot in simulated deep-sea
27 exploration, and placed second in the Open Obstacle Course,
28 demonstrating exceptional consistency and skill; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the 6th grade Flying Fish team again captured first
30 place in the Middle School Obstacle Course, showcasing remarkable
31 agility and precision, while the AnglerFish seventh grade team earned

1 second place in the Open Class Technical Design Report, highlighting
2 their advanced engineering and documentation skills; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School's robotics
4 program, supported by a robust STEM-focused curriculum and dedicated
5 coaches, has consistently demonstrated excellence, amassing over 50
6 regional, state, and international awards, and cultivating student
7 leaders who inspire younger peers and the Jacksonville community at
8 large; and

9 **WHEREAS**, these achievements have garnered significant local and
10 national media attention, bringing pride to the City of Jacksonville
11 and Northeast Florida, with support and recognition from the City of
12 Atlantic Beach, local businesses, community organizations, and Duval
13 County Public Schools; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Mayport Coastal
16 Sciences Middle School upon their second consecutive championship at
17 the International SeaPerch Challenge. Jacksonville City Council
18 applauds Mayport's students, faculty and mentors for their excellence
19 and ingenuity in the field of aquatic robotics.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

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