

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-357**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE,
6 LEGACY, AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF JOANN
7 MANNING, AND RECOMMENDING TO THE UNITED STATES
8 CONGRESS THE DESIGNATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOB
9 CORPS CENTER IN HER HONOR, AND CELEBRATING HER
10 TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
11 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP;
12 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO
13 TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ONCE
14 ADOPTED, TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS;
15 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS**, for more than two decades, Joann Manning dedicated
18 herself to public service, nonprofit leadership, and civic
19 engagement, guided by the unwavering belief that opportunity, when
20 paired with care, accountability, and access, has the power to change
21 lives; and

22 **WHEREAS**, through her distinguished service at the Jacksonville
23 Job Corps Center as Business and Community Liaison and Career
24 Transition Specialist, Joann Manning forged enduring partnerships
25 with employers, educators, elected officials, and community
26 organizations, ensuring that young people were not simply trained,
27 but transitioned into meaningful careers, higher education, and
28 lifelong success; and

29 **WHEREAS**, under her stewardship and influence, the Jacksonville
30 Job Corps Center consistently ranked among the top programs in the
31 nation, a reflection not only of operational excellence, but of Joann

1 Manning's deep commitment to outcomes that mattered in the lives of
2 those she served; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in her prior role as Executive Director of the Wayman
4 Community Development Corporation, Joann Manning strengthened
5 programs focused on youth development, literacy, mentoring, and
6 family support, expanding resources, elevating impact, and ensuring
7 that critical services reached families who needed them most; and

8 **WHEREAS**, her service extended far beyond her professional roles,
9 as a passionate advocate for children and families affected by HIV
10 and AIDS through Camp Sunshine Jacksonville, where Joann Manning
11 helped create spaces of joy, confidence, healing, and belonging for
12 those navigating life's most difficult challenges; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning's commitment to service was equally
14 evident through more than 2,000 hours of volunteer leadership with
15 the American Cancer Society, where she not only supported survivors
16 and families, but advanced the broader fight for awareness, care, and
17 a cure; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning's civic leadership spanned numerous
19 boards and commissions, including Girls Inc. of Jacksonville, Hope
20 Haven Children's Hospital, the Mayor's Commission on the Status of
21 Women, Leadership Jacksonville, and her beloved Delta Sigma Theta
22 Sorority, Inc., where she served with distinction, embodying a
23 lifelong commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social
24 action; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning's outstanding contributions earned her
26 numerous honors, including Public Citizen of the Year, Employee of
27 the Year and Employee of the Month at Jacksonville Job Corps, and the
28 Hands On Jacksonville Health Award, yet she measured success not by
29 accolades, but by lives steadied, doors opened, and futures made
30 possible; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning led with purpose, mentored with heart,

1 and served with integrity, leaving an indelible mark on Jacksonville
2 that will be felt for generations to come; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while her untimely passing following a courageous
4 battle with aggressive cancer represents a profound loss, Joann
5 Manning's legacy remains alive in the systems she strengthened, the
6 communities she uplifted, and the countless individuals who now walk
7 confidently through doors she helped open; and

8 **WHEREAS**, it is both fitting and necessary that the name, Joann
9 Manning, her name, be forever linked to the institution she helped
10 elevate, ensuring that future generations understand the power of one
11 life lived with intention, impact, and unwavering commitment to
12 others; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and celebrates
15 the extraordinary life, leadership, and enduring legacy of Joann
16 Manning, whose service continues to uplift, empower, and inspire. The
17 Council formally and respectfully recommends that the United States
18 Congress designate the Jacksonville Job Corps Center in honor of
19 Joann Manning, as a permanent tribute to her transformational impact
20 on workforce development, youth empowerment, and community
21 advancement. City Council calls upon community leaders, institutions,
22 and residents to carry forward her work by investing boldly in
23 opportunity, expanding access to education and career pathways, and
24 building a Jacksonville where every young person has the tools to
25 thrive.

26 **Section 2. Directive to the Chief of Legislative Services**
27 **Division.** The City Council hereby directs the Chief of the Legislative
28 Services Division to forward a copy of this Resolution, once adopted,
29 to the United States Congress.

30 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

6 Office of General Counsel

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