

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Miller, Gaffney, Jr., Johnson, Howland, Freeman,  
3 Clark-Murray, Peluso and Amaro:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-47-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING RAINES  
8 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL VINCENT R. HALL ON BEING  
9 NAMED DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2025  
10 "PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR"; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
11 DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** Vincent Hall, principal of William M. Raines High  
14 School, has been a transformative and inspirational leader in the  
15 Jacksonville community and is a proud alumnus of the school which he  
16 has led with vision, dedication, and a deep commitment to student  
17 success; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Hall began his career as an educator in the Duval  
19 County Public Schools system teaching English at Wolfson High School  
20 nearly 30 years ago and eventually transitioned into leadership  
21 positions, serving as principal at three schools, including at his  
22 alma mater, Raines High School, since 2013; and

23 **WHEREAS,** each of the schools at which Vincent Hall has been  
24 principal has experienced an increase in its state-assigned letter  
25 grade during his tenure, evidencing his ability to organize, lead and  
26 inspire students, faculty, staff, and communities, to pursue  
27 excellence in the educational process. Mr. Hall has implemented  
28 innovative strategies that have improved student performance,  
29 strengthened school/community partnerships, and upheld the legacy of  
30 Raines High School as a pillar of excellence in Jacksonville's  
31 educational landscape; and

1       **WHEREAS,** Mr. Hall's record at Raines High School exemplifies  
2 his outstanding performance as a principal, leading a school that had  
3 received a grade of "D" or worse for six of the seven years before  
4 his arrival and had a graduation rate of 72.1%, to its current "B"  
5 grade - the first in the school's history - and an outstanding  
6 graduation rate of 94% for the class of 2024; and

7       **WHEREAS,** under Mr. Hall's leadership, Raines High School has  
8 flourished both academically and athletically, exemplified by the  
9 school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and recent notable  
10 achievements; and

11       **WHEREAS,** in recognition of his decades of proven performance  
12 and inspiring leadership, Vincent Hall has been named Duval County  
13 Public Schools' 2025 "Principal of the Year"; now therefore

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

15       **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors and congratulates  
16 Raines High School Principal Vincent R. Hall on the outstanding  
17 achievement of being named the "Principal of the Year" for Duval  
18 County Public Schools for 2025. The award is well-deserved and a  
19 fitting honor for three decades of outstanding and inspirational  
20 leadership in the school system, motivating and encouraging students,  
21 faculty and staff alike to strive for excellence in all aspects of  
22 the educational process. The Council extends its best wishes for  
23 continued success in the years ahead.

24       **Section 2.       Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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