

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Salem, Ferraro, DeFoor, Cumber and Becton:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2019-657-A**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING
6 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICERS LIEUTENANT
7 FREDERICK DASH, SERGEANT JASON BAILEY AND
8 OFFICER TAIME VINER FOR THEIR RESCUE OF A
9 MOTORIST FROM A SUBMERGED VEHICLE; PROVIDING
10 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, on the evening of August 6th the Sheriff's Office
13 received a 911 emergency call reporting that a vehicle had driven
14 down the Southbank boat ramp on Museum Circle and into the river,
15 which prompted a response by several JSO units; and

16 **WHEREAS**, upon arriving at the scene, the responding officers -
17 Lieutenant Frederick Dash, Sergeant Jason Bailey and Officer Taime
18 Viner - saw a small white sedan gradually submerging into the
19 river, with the water level nearly over the vehicle's roof; and

20 **WHEREAS**, seeing the gravity of the situation and observing a
21 non-responsive driver still at the wheel, the three officers sprang
22 into action, waded into the water, pried open the door, and pulled
23 the driver to safety just before the vehicle totally submerged,
24 after which he was transported to the hospital for treatment; and

25 **WHEREAS**, this incident highlights yet again the bravery, quick
26 thinking, and selfless service of the men and women of the
27 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office who regularly risk their lives to
28 protect the safety of our community and each citizen; now therefore

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

30 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
31 commends Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Frederick Dash, Sergeant Jason

1 Bailey and Officer Taime Viner on their quick and selfless action
2 in risking their own safety to pull a motorist out of a sinking
3 vehicle in the St. Johns River, and thanks them for their
4 dedication to duty and their cool headed response in the face of a
5 perilous situation. The City Council again expresses its heartfelt
6 thanks and admiration for the dedicated women and men of the
7 Sheriff's Office and their service to our community.

8 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research