

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Carrico, Freeman, Amaro,  
2 Arias, Miller, Pittman, White, Lahnen and Gaffney, Jr. and  
3 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Howland and Salem:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-808-A**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING NICO FLOWERS AS THE BOYS  
8 & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA YOUTH OF THE  
9 YEAR, THE 2024 SOUTHEAST REGION BOYS & GIRLS  
10 CLUBS YOUTH OF THE YEAR, AND THE BOYS & GIRLS  
11 CLUBS OF AMERICA 2024 NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE  
12 YEAR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Boys & Girls Clubs of America provides caring adult  
15 mentors and life-shaping programs to millions of kids and teens each  
16 year; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Nico Flowers experienced some challenges and turmoil  
18 in his childhood, including a period when his family was homeless,  
19 but at the Northeast Florida Boys & Girls Club Teen Center at Edward  
20 H. White High School he found hope and a sense of belonging; and

21 **WHEREAS**, through the Boys & Girls Club, Nico Flowers learned  
22 the value of community service and gained the support and guidance  
23 from a mentor, a professional barber who also taught Nico how to cut  
24 hair; barbering instilled confidence in Nico, provided some financial  
25 assistance for his family, and now he pays it forward by teaching  
26 others what he learned; and

27 **WHEREAS**, through the Boys & Girls Club, Nico Flowers had the  
28 opportunity to become a leader and mentor, and to travel to  
29 Tallahassee multiple times, igniting his interest in politics and  
30 love for public service; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Nico Flowers earned three well-deserved honors this

1 year in recognition of his exceptional leadership, academic  
2 excellence and commitment to serving his community when he was named  
3 Youth of the Year for the Northeast Florida Boys & Girls Clubs, the  
4 Southeast Region Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year, and the Boys  
5 & Girls Clubs of America's 2024 National Youth of the Year; and

6 **WHEREAS,** through these Boys & Girls Clubs awards, Nico Flowers  
7 has returned to Tallahassee as a freshman at Florida State University,  
8 supported with a \$50,000 college scholarship, opening another door  
9 towards his bright future; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Nico Flowers  
12 for his resilience, perseverance and strength and applauds Nico  
13 Flowers for being a young man of immense character, for being an  
14 inspirational role model and for graciously earning these awards. The  
15 City Council also appreciates the Boys & Girls Clubs for all they do  
16 to lift up their members, help them realize their value and achieve  
17 their dreams.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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