

1 Introduced by Council Members Amaro, Johnson, Pittman, Salem,
2 Howland, Freeman, Miller, J. Carlucci, Peluso, Diamond, and Carrico
3 and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Boylan, White and Gay:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-519-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING OFFICER
8 WILLIE PERRY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS DECADES
9 OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND
10 STUDENTS OF JACKSONVILLE THROUGH HIS WORK WITH
11 THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DUVAL
12 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
13 DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, Officer Willie Perry has devoted 46 years of
16 distinguished public service to the residents of Jacksonville through
17 his commitment to public safety, youth development, and community
18 engagement, serving for 31 years with the Jacksonville Sheriff's
19 Office and 15 years as a school resource officer with Duval County
20 Public Schools; and

21 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Jacksonville Sheriff's
22 Office, Officer Perry demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and
23 unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of
24 Jacksonville; and

25 **WHEREAS**, as one of the first school resource officers in
26 Jacksonville, Officer Perry has spent the past 15 years serving
27 countless students, families, and educators by creating safe and
28 supportive learning environments and ensuring that all students feel
29 seen and worthy; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Officer Perry describes his work not as a job, but as
31 a joyful journey, and his desire to spark joy within students defines

1 his service and will leave an indelible mark on the countless lives
2 he has touched; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Officer Perry's legacy of service, compassion, and
4 uplifting the students of Duval County has been memorialized in a
5 children's book, *The Legend on the Sidewalk*, authored by Parkwood
6 Heights Elementary School's reading interventionist, Amy Clark, who
7 saw firsthand Officer Perry's care and commitment to empowering
8 students and educators; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Officer Perry's leadership, compassion, and years of
10 service have strengthened the relationships between law enforcement,
11 schools, and neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that public servants such
13 as Willie Perry embody the highest ideals of civic duty and
14 stewardship, leaving a legacy of service that uplifts present and
15 future generations and honors him for his contributions and faithful
16 service to the City of Jacksonville; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
19 Officer Willie Perry for his decades of exemplary service with the
20 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Duval County Public Schools and
21 extends sincere appreciation for his dedication to the citizens,
22 students, and families of Jacksonville.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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