

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Newby, Priestly Jackson, Becton and Ferraro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2020-676**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
7 JOHN W. GRISSETT SENIOR; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, John W. Grissett Sr. was born October 29, 1920 in
11 Baldwin, Florida, a son to Estella and Sam Grissett and brother of
12 Viola, Doris, Thelma, and Bernard; and

13 **WHEREAS**, John W. Grissett Sr. married Sallie Mae Whitehead on
14 July 7, 1943 and they have shared 77 wonderful years together so
15 far. The Grissett's raised five children - Sidney, Carlton, John
16 Jr., Michael, and Sybil - who later blessed them with 8
17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-
18 grandchildren; and

19 **WHEREAS**, John W. Grissett Sr. graduated Stanton High School
20 with the class of 1940, and went on to earn his degree from Xavier
21 University, School of Pharmacy in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1952,
22 with his Doctor of Pharmacy status obtained in 1986; and

23 **WHEREAS**, John W. Grissett Sr. was a trailblazer in his
24 professional life, as the first Black pharmacist employed with the
25 Veterans Administration in the Southeastern United States and also
26 as the first Black pharmacist employed with Walgreen Drugs in
27 Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Grissett was the Chief Pharmacist for
28 the VA Outpatient Clinic Jacksonville from 1962-1980, and retired
29 from the Federal Civil Service after 40 years of dedicated service
30 for the U.S. Army, the U.S. Postal Service, and U.S. Veterans
31 Administration; and

1 **WHEREAS**, John W. Grissett Sr. was an initiate of Beta Iota
2 Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at Xavier University, and
3 is a current member of Jacksonville Alumni Chapter. Mr. Grissett is
4 affiliated with the Jacksonville Chapter Medical and Pharmaceutical
5 Association, and practices his faith as a congregant of the Greater
6 Grant Memorial AME Church; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
9 100th birthday of John W. Grissett Senior, and hopes his special day
10 is celebrated and shared with all of his friends, family and loved
11 ones.

12 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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