

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan and Carrico and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Freeman, Miller, Lahnen, Johnson, White, Amaro and  
3 Peluso:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-84-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MANDARIN  
8 HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS RECENT ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC  
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Mandarin High School has maintained a 97% graduation  
12 rate for three years, with an achievable 98% goal for the Class of  
13 2024; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mandarin High School has increased in total points on  
15 its state assessments, graduation rate, and acceleration points every  
16 year since the 2020-21 school year and has recovered its "A" grade  
17 as a result of its recent academic ascent; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the groundbreaking for construction of a new wing of  
19 the school building is expected to commence in March of 2024, with  
20 plans to house new state-of-the-art culinary and medical training  
21 facilities within the new wing; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mandarin High School has an excellent all-around  
23 athletics program, which has resulted in the school winning the  
24 Varsity All-Conference Gateway Championship for the past five years  
25 in the girls' division and the past four years in the boys' division;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, this sustained run of success culminated with the  
28 2023 Mandarin High School boys' football team, led by Head Coach Toby  
29 Bullock: the Mustangs won an unprecedented four consecutive playoff  
30 games on the road, taking them to the Class 4M championship game held  
31 at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee; and

1           **WHEREAS**, three seniors from the 2023 Mandarin football team  
2 have already signed to Division I college football programs, beginning  
3 their college experiences as student-athletes this month, and five  
4 other players are expected to sign to prestigious Division I schools  
5 in February, including University of Miami, Penn State University,  
6 University of Alabama and Florida State University; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the football team has also cumulatively demonstrated  
8 Mandarin High School's commitment to academic excellence by  
9 maintaining a 3.2 average GPA during its championship run; now  
10 therefore

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

12           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commends  
13 Mandarin High School for its recent academic and athletic  
14 achievements. The Mandarin High School football team has exemplified  
15 the values of communication, consistency, and discipline that have  
16 led to its success, and Mandarin High School's academic and athletic  
17 achievements represent the culmination of the work of all teachers,  
18 staff, administrators, counselors, parents, and community members  
19 involved in Mandarin High School. The City Council extends its  
20 congratulations to the Mandarin High School community and its best  
21 wishes for continued academic and athletic success.

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

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26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

29 Office of General Counsel

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