

1 Introduced by Council Members Hazouri and Salem and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Morgan, Pittman, Hazouri, Diamond, Carlucci, Becton
3 and Wilson:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-198**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
8 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAMIR SALAMEH;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Samir Elias Salameh was born in 1942 in Ramallah,
12 Palestine and immigrated to the United States in 1962, settling in
13 Jacksonville and working in a bakery and a convenience store
14 briefly before joining the Salameh family grocery store. Three
15 years later he and his brother Munir Salameh bought the Charlotte
16 Sundries sandwich shop on East 8th Street and bought Colonial
17 Sundries on Hendricks Avenue and began their restaurant empire; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Salameh had a tremendous entrepreneurial spirit
19 and through hard work, in cooperation with his brother Munir and
20 their wives, Suad and Basima, they founded The Sheik restaurant in
21 1972 at the corner of Main Street and 18th Street in Springfield,
22 which was the first in a chain of 10 restaurants operating today
23 across Jacksonville, some owned and operated by brothers and the
24 sons of the founders and others by franchisees; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Samir Salameh was a respected and highly visible
26 leader in the community, a member of the Ramallah Club of
27 Jacksonville and of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Salameh was the loving and devoted patriarch of a
29 large extended family, bestowing time, wisdom and guidance to his
30 children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and emphasizing the
31 values of faith, education and hard work to leading a successful

1 and productive life of service; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Council was saddened to learn recently of the
3 passing of Samir Salameh and wishes to commemorate his life; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
7 commemorates the life and accomplishments of Samir Salameh upon the
8 occasion of his passing, and extends to his family, friends, and
9 admirers the City's heartfelt condolences. Mr. Salameh was a leader
10 in the business and civic communities, and his wisdom and
11 generosity will be long and gratefully remembered by all who knew
12 him.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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