

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-641**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ARI JOLLY  
6 OF JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON HER  
7 RECOGNITION AS THE 2024 OUTSTANDING PUBLIC  
8 TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR BY THE  
9 AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION;  
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS**, Ari Jolly has served on the Jacksonville  
13 Transportation Authority ("JTA") Board of Directors for nine years,  
14 being appointed first in 2015 and again in 2019; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Jolly has served on the JTA Board of Directors as  
16 its Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair, providing a broad skillset that  
17 has earned her the trust and respect of her peers; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in her duties as a Transit Board Member, Ms. Jolly  
19 has donated her time and expertise to the community, participating  
20 in panels regarding important, hot-button issues involving  
21 transportation, including how to build support for local option gas  
22 taxes and how to identify and implement best practices for Board and  
23 Transit Executive relations; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in addition to serving on the JTA Board of Directors  
25 in various roles, Ms. Jolly has demonstrated excellence in her private  
26 career as Senior Assistant General Counsel for Florida Blue; and

27 **WHEREAS**, recognizing Ms. Jolly's consistent and valuable  
28 presence on the JTA Board of Directors, the American Public  
29 Transportation Association ("APTA") has selected her as 2024's  
30 "Outstanding Public Transportation Board Member of the Year"; and

31 **WHEREAS**, this national award "honors an individual serving on

1 the governing board of an APTA public transportation system who has  
2 made outstanding contributions to the public transportation  
3 industry"; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Jolly won this award through a competitive process  
5 that involved hundreds of applications from APTA governing boards  
6 throughout the United States and Canada; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Ari  
9 Jolly for the time and effort that she has dedicated to the City in  
10 serving in various roles on the Jacksonville Transit Authority Board  
11 of Directors. The City Council understands that Ms. Jolly's receipt  
12 of this honor is but a culmination of her hard work over many years  
13 of service. It congratulates her on receiving this honor and wishes  
14 her continued success in serving as a catalyst in the betterment of  
15 public transportation systems in the City of Jacksonville.

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

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20 Form Approved:

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22           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

23 Office of General Counsel

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