

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-344**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING DEBBIE BUCKLAND FOR HER
6 EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AS
7 CHAIR OF THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION
8 AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND RECOGNIZING HER
9 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC LIFE,
10 BUSINESS, AND PUBLIC SERVICE; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** Debbie Buckland has demonstrated an unwavering
14 commitment to the City of Jacksonville through her visionary
15 leadership, civic engagement, and extensive service across numerous
16 institutions dedicated to the betterment of our community; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland served with distinction as Chair of the
18 Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Board of Directors from
19 2023 to 2024, guiding the organization through a transformative era
20 marked by bold innovation, infrastructure expansion, and focus on
21 sustainable, accessible, and inclusive mobility; and

22 **WHEREAS,** under Ms. Buckland's chairmanship, JTA advanced vital
23 initiatives including autonomous vehicle integration, the
24 modernization of transit corridors, and equitable transportation
25 planning that aligned with Jacksonville's long-term economic and
26 urban development goals; and

27 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's professional acumen is reflected in
28 her decades-long career in financial services, beginning in 1979 in
29 Roanoke, Virginia, and culminating in her role as Market President
30 for Truist, where she led with integrity and a deep commitment to
31 community-based banking; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland currently serves as Area Manager for
2 Pinnacle Financial Partners in North Florida, continuing to uplift
3 businesses and entrepreneurs while serving as a connector between the
4 private and public sectors; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's civic legacy extends beyond
6 transportation, as she has served as past chair of the JAX Chamber,
7 Downtown Vision, Inc., and the American Cancer Society, and currently
8 lends her wisdom and service to the boards of WJCT Public Media,
9 Baptist Beaches Medical Center, and the Women's Board of Wolfson
10 Children's Hospital, among others; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's dedication has been widely recognized,
12 including her 2019 induction into the First Coast Business Hall of
13 Fame and her 2025 OneJax Humanitarian Award, which are testaments to
14 a life of leadership rooted in compassion, equity, and progress; and

15 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's model of servant leadership, described
16 by many as equal parts grace and grit, reflects the highest ideals
17 of civic engagement and stands as a beacon for all who strive to
18 leave their communities better than they found them; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
21 Debbie Buckland for her remarkable and selfless service as Chair of
22 the Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors from
23 2023 to 2024 and for her lifelong commitment to the advancement of
24 the City of Jacksonville through both public service and private
25 leadership. The City Council expresses profound gratitude on behalf
26 of the people of Jacksonville for her tireless service that will
27 serve as an inspiration to others through her lasting legacy.

28 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

Office of General Counsel

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