

1 Introduced by Council President Newby:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-860**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DEACON THEOTIS JEFFERSON;
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, a native of Sanderson, Florida, Theotis Jefferson
10 attended public schools in Baker and Columbia counties. After serving
11 in the U.S. Army, he relocated to Jacksonville and became deeply
12 involved in the Church of God by Faith; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jefferson was selected as a deacon of the church
14 in 1956 and later that year was selected to represent the Jacksonville
15 District as chairperson, campaign manager and fundraiser for the
16 Matthew-Scippio Academy; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Deacon Jefferson also served as a National Sunday
18 School Teacher and Usher. On the district level, he served 30-years
19 as Chairman of the Jacksonville District Finance Board and 20-years
20 as Sunday School Superintendent, Board of Christian Education member
21 and Usher. At the local level, he served as Chairman of the Board of
22 Deacons, Church Clerk and Sunday School Teacher for 47-years; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Deacon Jefferson was appointed to the National Finance
24 Board of the Church of God by Faith in 1976. For approximately 45-
25 years, he served the church by assisting in fund acquisition for
26 church repairs, purchases, loans, and church construction. It is
27 believed that Deacon Jefferson was the longest serving member on the
28 National Finance Board; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
30 passing of Deacon Jefferson and wishes to express its sympathy to his
31 family and friends; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
3 the life and work of Deacon Theotis Jefferson and his lifetime of
4 servant leadership. The Council extends its sincere condolences to
5 his family, friends and congregation in their time of sorrow.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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