

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-91**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAMUEL DAVIS, JR. UPON
7 THE OCCASION OF HIS PASSING; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Samuel Davis, Jr., a native of Macon, Georgia, moved
11 to Jacksonville as a young child and graduated from Douglas Anderson
12 Junior/Senior High School where he was an outstanding basketball
13 player; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Davis attended Florida Junior College then served
15 in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, earning an Air Medal for meritorious
16 service before returning to Jacksonville after his military service;
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18 **WHEREAS**, Samuel Davis studied broadcasting at Jones College and
19 subsequently worked for 36 years for WTLV television, retiring as an
20 operating engineer in 2009. He was also the producer of "Blues Power
21 Productions" inviting blues artists to the North Florida area and was
22 a radio DJ of a blues show and a Sunday morning gospel show on WCGL
23 radio for many years; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after his retirement, Mr. Davis devoted much of his
25 time to Douglas Anderson #107 Alumni Association of which he was
26 President. He was instrumental in getting the historical marker for
27 Douglas Anderson High School #107 designated by the State of Florida
28 and for getting an honorary street marker, "Nathaniel S. Washington
29 Sr. Parkway" which is located on White Ave., the street running beside
30 Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. He spent many hours planning
31 events leading up to the annual schoolwide Grand Reunion and

1 Scholarship Program and also instrumental in developing a partnership
2 between Douglas Anderson Jr. Sr. High School #107 and the current
3 Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. He was also a member of the
4 Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Foundation Board; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Samuel Davis was a loving husband and father and a
6 long-time active member of Jerusalem Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist
7 Institutional Church; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
10 the life and numerous accomplishments of Samuel Davis, Jr. upon the
11 occasion of his passing, and extends to his family, friends and
12 colleagues its sincere condolences. Sam Davis was a great
13 Jacksonvillian and will be sorely missed.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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