

1 The Rules Committee offers the following Substitute to File No.
2 2025-115:

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4 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2025-115**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING DAWN LOPEZ FOR HER NEARLY
9 THREE DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO JOURNALISM
10 AS A MORNING ANCHOR AT ACTION NEWS JAX AND TO
11 THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY AND EXTENDING BEST
12 WISHES FOR HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS; PROVIDING AN
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS,** Dawn Lopez, a Jacksonville native who earned her
16 Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Media Studies from the
17 University of North Florida, has served as a morning anchor at Action
18 News Jax for over 20 years, delivering news and information to the
19 community with professionalism and integrity; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Lopez began her television career as an associate
21 producer with WJXT Channel 4 and moved to WGHP-TV in the Piedmont
22 Triad of North Carolina as a consumer/investigative reporter for
23 several years, before returning to Jacksonville in 1998; and

24 **WHEREAS,** throughout her tenure, Ms. Lopez has conducted
25 exclusive interviews on significant stories, providing in-depth
26 coverage and insights that have informed and engaged viewers; and

27 **WHEREAS,** she has been instrumental in facilitating the
28 adoption of hundreds of children by collaborating with Family Support
29 Services, demonstrating her commitment to the welfare of children in
30 the community; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Lopez is an active member of several community

1 organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the
2 National Association of Black Journalists, Making Strides First
3 Coast, the March of Dimes (serving as a Family Ambassador), Family
4 Support Services, Girls Inc., Dignity U Wear and the Jacksonville
5 Urban League; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Lopez's dedication to advocating for children has
7 earned her numerous awards, reflecting her passion for using her
8 platform to give a voice to the voiceless; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Lopez is a proud mother to her children, Dwight
10 and Devany Burgess, whom she has raised with love and dedication; and

11 **WHEREAS,** after nearly three decades of exemplary service in
12 Jacksonville, Dawn Lopez has announced her departure from Action News
13 Jax to pursue a new chapter in her life, expressing her sentiment,
14 "It's not goodbye. I'll see you around."; and

15 **WHEREAS,** her contributions have left a lasting impact on
16 journalism and the Jacksonville community, inspiring colleagues and
17 viewers alike; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Dawn Lopez for
20 her nearly three decades of dedicated service as a morning anchor at
21 Action News Jax, acknowledging her significant contributions to
22 journalism and to the Jacksonville community, and extends best wishes
23 for her future endeavors.

24 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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