

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney, Jr.:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-550**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
6 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS) ORDINANCE CODE;
7 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND
8 ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR LAUDRED JEROME
9 SPATES; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET
10 DESIGNATION ON V.C. JOHNSON ROAD EXTENDING
11 BETWEEN DUNN AVENUE AND ANGEL LAKE DRIVE IN
12 COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 FOR LAUDRED JEROME SPATES;
13 PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY
14 ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE
15 LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROAD IN COUNCIL
16 DISTRICT 8; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
17 DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO THE
18 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSING
19 DIVISION FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION AND
20 COORDINATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
21 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES
22 AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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24 **WHEREAS**, Laudred Jerome "L.J." Spates, a long time Jacksonville
25 Sheriff's Officer, passed away on August 6, 2013; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates was affectionally known as "Chief
27 Spates"; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Chief Laudred Spates graduated from Stanton High School
29 in 1961; and

30 **WHEREAS**, after high school, Chief Spates enlisted in the United
31 States Air Force and proudly served during the height of the Vietnam

1 War; and

2 **WHEREAS**, after an honorable discharge in 1965, Chief Spates
3 continued his military career with the Air National Guard; and

4 **WHEREAS**, his educational achievements included earning a degree
5 from Florida Junior College, Edward Waters College and Nova
6 Southeastern University; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, Laudred J. Spates also graduated from the
8 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy located in
9 Quantico, Virginia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1966, Officer Laudred J. Spates started a long and
11 successful career with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office having
12 served, commendably, for 37 dedicated years with Jacksonville's local
13 law enforcement; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Chief Spates' tenure with the Jacksonville Sheriff's
15 Office involved several promotions and higher ranking positions which
16 included Patrolman, Internal Affairs Detective, Chief of Community
17 Affairs, Chief of Investigations, Chief of Detectives, Chief of
18 Prisons, Director of Jails and Prisons and Director of Homeland
19 Security; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates was the first African American to be
21 appointed Chief of Investigations at the Jacksonville Sheriff's
22 Office ("JSO"); and

23 **WHEREAS**, as the Chief Prisons, Officer Spates was trusted with
24 leadership of the Montgomery Correctional Center and the Community
25 Corrections Division; and

26 **WHEREAS**, during his long and remarkable career with the JSO,
27 Officer Spates served on the Command Staff under four former
28 Jacksonville Sheriffs, to wit: Sheriff Dale Carson, Sheriff James
29 McMillian, Sheriff Nathaniel Glover and Sheriff John Rutherford; and

30 **WHEREAS**, during his retirement, Officer Spates ran for a City
31 Council position for which he was extremely proud; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates' involvement in the Jacksonville
2 community is evident of his being President of the North Florida
3 Chapter of the Sickle Cell Organization as well as serving on the
4 Board of Directors for Shands Hospital and Jacksonville Federal Credit
5 Union; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates volunteered as a member of numerous
7 civic organizations including the National Organization of Black Law
8 Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Jacksonville Brotherhood of Police,
9 Fraternal Order of Police (FOP, Lodge 5-30), Habitat for Humanity,
10 the Lawman's Hunting Club, Jacksonville Urban League, Inc., and also
11 was appointed by the Mayor and served on the Jacksonville Civil
12 Service Board; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the applicant submitted an Application and the required
14 fee for the honorary marker. A copy of the application and the payment
15 invoice are attached as **Exhibits 1 and 2**; and

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ordinance Code,
17 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications
18 on April 4, 2024 and on May 9, 2024, to ninety (90) affected property
19 owners requesting their written consent or objection to the proposed
20 honorary street designation. A copy of the first and second written
21 notifications and a complete listing of the 90 total affected
22 addresses are attached as **Exhibits 3, 4 and 5**; and

23 **WHEREAS**, sixteen (16) affected property owners indicated their
24 consent of the proposed honorary designation. Copies of the written
25 consents are attached as **Exhibit 6**; and

26 **WHEREAS**, twelve (12) affected property owners objected to the
27 proposed honorary designation. A copy of the written objections are
28 attached as **Exhibit 7**; and

29 **WHEREAS**, two (2) property owners returned the form as blank. A
30 copy of the blank forms are attached as **Exhibit 8**; and

31 **WHEREAS**, three (3) mailings were "returned to sender." A copy

1 of the "returned to sender" forms are attached as **Exhibit 9**; and

2 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ord. Code, the
3 remaining 57 affected property owners are deemed to have consented
4 to the proposed honorary designations due to their non-response to
5 the written notifications; and

6 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

7 **Section 1. V.C. Johnson to receive an honorary street**
8 **designation for "Laudred Jerome Spates"** extending from Dunn Avenue
9 to Angel Lake Drive in Council District 8, is hereby designated as
10 contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, for "Laudred Jerome
11 Spates" A map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
12 **10.**

13 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for "Laudred Jerome**
14 **Spates" to be installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as
15 contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, recognizing "Laudred
16 Jerome Spates" shall be placed in appropriate locations on V.C.
17 Johnson Road.

18 **Section 3. Directing Legislative Services Division to**
19 **forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department.** The Chief
20 of Legislative Services is requested to send a copy of this
21 legislation, once enacted, to the Planning and Development
22 Department, Addressing Unit, for processing, implementation, and
23 coordination with the Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering
24 Division, the applicant and other affected agencies and
25 organizations.

26 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall
27 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
28 effective without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/Cherry Shaw Pollock

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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