

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Bowman, Becton, Freeman, DeFoor, Morgan, Priestly
3 Jackson, Cumber, Dennis, Diamond, Hazouri, Pittman, Boylan, Carrico,
4 Gaffney, Ferraro, Newby, and White:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2021-611-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING CITY
9 COUNCIL EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR LAURA DYER FOR
10 HER LONG CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE
11 OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, Laura Dyer, a native of Jacksonville and graduate of
15 Duval County Public Schools, descends from generations of
16 distinguished public servants in Florida, including a Florida
17 Superintendent of Schools in the early 20th century, numerous judges
18 and state legislators, a father who worked for the City for 34 years,
19 a mother who was a Duval Public Schools teacher and a husband who
20 retired after a 41-year career with JEA; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Dyer began her own public service career as a clerk
22 in the City's Water Services Division in 1988 and transferred to the
23 Solid Waste Division as a personnel clerk before joining the City
24 Council staff in 1994 as a civil service Council Aide serving as the
25 secretarial assistant to two council members. She transitioned to an
26 Executive Council Assistant when that position was created in 1996,
27 also serving two council members; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Dyer took a position in the City's Human Resources
29 Department as a Personnel Assistant for several years, then returned
30 to the City Council in 2001 as an Executive Administrator handling

1 the Council's personnel and accounting functions including
2 recruitment and hiring, new employee orientation, insurance, payroll,
3 time and attendance, leave processing, and accounts payable
4 functions. In the last two decades her scope of responsibilities has
5 expanded to incorporate more areas of responsibility including
6 maintenance and updating of the Council's standard operating
7 procedures manual, processing of travel requests, managing the Value
8 Adjustment Board database, managing and inventorying computer and
9 communication equipment assigned to council members and staff, and
10 serving as the Council's departmental Ethics Officer. For many years
11 she has played a pivotal role in the preparation and submission of
12 the City Council's budget; and

13 **WHEREAS**, throughout her career with the City, particularly her
14 time with the City Council, Laura Dyer has been an outstanding and
15 invaluable employee who never disappoints, consistently going above
16 and beyond the call of duty to ensure that tasks are completed
17 accurately and timely to keep the work of the Council moving smoothly.
18 She is a scrupulous record keeper, maintaining voluminous historical
19 documentation of past policies, practices and ordinances that
20 provides valuable historical context about past policies and problems
21 when new changes are being considered; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Dyer's dedication to the City Council and its
23 council members and employees is legendary, and she has been a true
24 friend and sage advisor to generations of city council members for
25 over two decades and an invaluable partner to the Council staff and
26 to her supervisors; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
29 Laura Dyer for her decades of outstanding service to the City
30 government and the City Council on the occasion of her retirement and
31 extends its best wishes for many years of health and happiness in her

1 retirement. Ms. Dyer has been an invaluable asset and a true friend
2 to the Council, and her many contributions are gratefully acknowledged
3 and will be long remembered.

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

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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