

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-550**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING CARROLL'S  
6 MEAT SHOPPE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS SIXTIETH  
7 ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF  
8 JACKSONVILLE AND RECOGNIZING SIX DECADES OF  
9 EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY IMPACT, AND COMMITMENT TO  
10 FEEDING FAMILIES; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE  
11 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Carroll's Meat Shoppe was founded in 1966 by Herman  
14 "Smitty" Schuman in Jacksonville's historic Panama Park community and  
15 has, for six decades, served as a trusted neighborhood institution  
16 dedicated to quality products, affordable prices, and exceptional  
17 customer service; and

18 **WHEREAS**, what began as a small family-owned butcher shop has  
19 grown into one of Jacksonville's most beloved local businesses,  
20 serving generations of families, while maintaining the values of  
21 integrity, consistency, and hard work, and a genuine commitment to  
22 people; and

23 **WHEREAS**, inspired by a small meat market Mr. Schuman encountered  
24 during a visit to Chicago, Carroll's Meat Shoppe was established with  
25 a simple philosophy, "Service with a smile and be sure what you sell  
26 is good, clean, and fresh," that continues to guide the business  
27 nearly sixty years later; and

28 **WHEREAS**, today, under the leadership of Mr. Schuman's grandson,  
29 John Rose, Carroll's Meat Shoppe continues to uphold the traditions  
30 and standards established by its founder while adapting to meet the  
31 needs of a changing Jacksonville; and

1           **WHEREAS**, located in a community often described as a food desert,  
2 Carroll's Meat Shoppe has served not merely as a retail establishment,  
3 but as an essential community resource, ensuring that residents have  
4 access to affordable, high-quality food products and the personal  
5 service that has become increasingly rare in modern commerce; and

6           **WHEREAS**, throughout its sixty-year history, Carroll's Meat  
7 Shoppe has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to the  
8 well-being of Jacksonville's residents through countless acts of  
9 generosity, charitable giving, food donations, support for churches  
10 and nonprofit organizations, and assistance to families facing  
11 hardship, often helping ensure that tables were filled and meals were  
12 shared when resources were scarce; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the impact of Carroll's Meat Shoppe extends far beyond  
14 the products it sells, having fostered a sense of community, created  
15 meaningful employment opportunities, and cultivated relationships  
16 that have endured across multiple generations of customers and  
17 employees alike; and

18           **WHEREAS**, longtime employees, some of whom have dedicated decades  
19 of service to the business, exemplify the family atmosphere and  
20 enduring values that have become hallmarks of the Carroll's Meat  
21 Shoppe experience; and

22           **WHEREAS**, in an era when many neighborhood businesses have  
23 disappeared, Carroll's Meat Shoppe remains a testament to the power  
24 of local entrepreneurship, community investment, and the enduring  
25 belief that businesses thrive when they place people first; and

26           **WHEREAS**, for sixty years Carroll's Meat Shoppe has done more  
27 than sell meat, it has nourished families, strengthened  
28 neighborhoods, supported the vulnerable, and reminded Jacksonville  
29 that community is built one relationship, one act of kindness, and  
30 indeed one meal at a time; and

31           **WHEREAS**, institutions such as Carroll's Meat Shoppe represent

1 the very best of our city, by demonstrating resilience, compassion,  
2 deeply investing in the success and well-being of the communities  
3 they serve; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
6 Carroll's Meat Shoppe upon the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary  
7 and extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for six decades  
8 of faithful service to the citizens of Jacksonville. The City Council  
9 recognizes the Schuman family, John Rose, the dedicated employees of  
10 Carroll's Meat Shoppe, and all those whose commitment and hard work  
11 have made this remarkable milestone possible. The City Council  
12 applauds Carroll's Meat Shoppe for its lasting contributions to food  
13 accessibility, neighborhood stability, charitable outreach, economic  
14 vitality, and community service throughout Jacksonville.

15 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
16 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
17 introduction of this Resolution is requested. The nature of the  
18 emergency is to timely convey commendation to Carroll's Meat Shoppe  
19 at a community event July 3, 2026.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

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