

1 Introduced by Council Members Pittman and Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-121**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE,  
6 PUBLIC SERVICE, AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE  
7 TERRY L. FIELDS, FORMER MEMBER OF THE  
8 JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND FORMER MEMBER OF  
9 THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
10 RECOGNIZING HIS LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO WORKING  
11 PEOPLE, COMMUNITY ADVOCACY, AND PUBLIC SERVICE,  
12 AND EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF  
13 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,  
14 FLORIDA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND IMPACT; REQUESTING  
15 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING  
16 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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18 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields was a son of Jacksonville, Florida,  
19 whose life reflected the values of persistence, faith, and purpose,  
20 and whose career demonstrated a deep respect for the people and places  
21 that shaped him; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Terry L. Fields devoted his life to  
23 Jacksonville, answering the call of public service with a steady  
24 commitment to neighborhood advocacy, economic dignity, and  
25 opportunity for everyday people; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields pursued higher education and personal  
27 growth, including earning a bachelor's degree from Florida  
28 Agricultural and Mechanical University, and completing post graduate  
29 studies at Florida State University, reflecting a belief that learning  
30 strengthens leadership and leadership strengthens communities; and

31 **WHEREAS**, before elected office, Terry L. Fields built a working

1 life grounded in labor and practical experience, including service  
2 as a Member of the International Longshoreman Association Local #1408,  
3 maintaining a lived understanding of the challenges faced by working  
4 families; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields served the public through multiple  
6 roles, including service on the Jacksonville Civil Service Board,  
7 demonstrating a long-standing commitment to fair processes, public  
8 accountability, and respectful government; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields served as a Member of the Jacksonville  
10 City Council representing District 7 from 1991 to 1999, championing  
11 community needs, neighborhood stability, and the idea that local  
12 government must stay close to the people; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Terry L. Fields later served in the Florida House of  
14 Representatives representing District 14 from 2000 through 2008,  
15 carrying Jacksonville's voice to Tallahassee and working to advance  
16 policies shaped by the realities of constituents and communities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his public service, Terry L. Fields  
18 served as a teacher at Duval Charter School at Westside, where he  
19 mentored middle school students and helped prepare the next generation  
20 for leadership and civic engagement, including through his leadership  
21 of the Wildcat Gentlemen, also known as the Young Men of DCSW, a  
22 program that provided young men with leadership tools, brotherhood,  
23 and community service opportunities, and through which his dedication  
24 to education and mentorship was recognized by local and state  
25 officials, including members of the Jacksonville City Council and the  
26 Florida Legislature, reflecting a long-standing commitment to public  
27 and educational service whose impact will extend across generations;  
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, throughout his public life, Terry L. Fields earned a  
30 reputation for accessibility and advocacy, reflecting a model of  
31 leadership rooted in service, visibility, and the belief that

1 government must deliver for the people it represents; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the life and service of Terry L. Fields continue to be  
3 celebrated and remembered by family, friends, colleagues, students,  
4 and community members, and the City of Jacksonville proudly reflects  
5 on a legacy of leadership, mentorship, and public service that helped  
6 shape the civic fabric of this city; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council desires to formally honor  
8 and celebrate the life, service, and legacy of the Honorable Terry  
9 L. Fields, and to express its deep appreciation to his loved ones and  
10 all those who carry forward the values he championed; now therefore

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

12       **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors and remembers the  
13 life and public service of the Honorable Terry L. Fields, former  
14 Jacksonville City Council Member and former Florida State  
15 Representative and recognizes his lasting contributions to  
16 Jacksonville and to the State of Florida. City Council recognizes  
17 Terry L. Fields as a leader whose public work reflected commitment  
18 to working people, neighborhood voice, and civic responsibility, and  
19 whose legacy remains present in the lives he touched and the  
20 communities he served. Jacksonville City Council hereby expresses its  
21 sincere appreciation to the family of Terry L. Fields, especially his  
22 son John Paul Terry Fields, and acknowledges the enduring impact of  
23 his service, mentorship, and leadership.

24       **Section 2.       Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
25 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
26 introduction of this Resolution is requested. The nature of the  
27 emergency is the desire to timely convey condolences to the Fields  
28 family.

29       **Section 3.       Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
31 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

4 Office of General Counsel

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