

1 Introduced by Council Members Peluso, Lahnen and Howland and  
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci,  
3 Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay,  
4 Johnson, Miller, Pittman, Salem and White and amended on the Floor  
5 of Council:  
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8 **RESOLUTION 2024-123-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE GALLANTRY OF THE  
10 CAPTAINS AND CREWS ON THE USS MASON, USS CARNEY,  
11 USS THOMAS HUDNER AND USS FLORIDA IN THE RED  
12 SEA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, commercial ships traveling on trade routes in the Red  
15 Sea have been attacked with drones, missiles and rockets launched by  
16 Yemen's Houthi rebels; and

17 **WHEREAS**, some 15 percent of international trade goes through  
18 this vital waterway, and Houthi attacks put sailors at risk and  
19 negatively impact international commerce legally transiting the Red  
20 Sea; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the USS Mason, USS Carney, and USS Thomas Hudner,  
22 homeported at Mayport Naval Station in Jacksonville, and the USS  
23 Florida cruise missile submarine homeported at Kings Bay, Georgia,  
24 are bravely protecting vessels and trade traffic in the area; and

25 **WHEREAS**, ideally this conflict may be resolved without further  
26 escalation, however international law recognizes the right of any  
27 country to defend their merchant and naval vessels; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the  
30 Captains and crews aboard the USS Mason, USS Carney, USS Thomas Hudner  
31 and the USS Florida for their gallantry in defending merchant sailors

1 and ships. Jacksonville City Council extends appreciation for their  
2 service and efforts to preserve lives, the global economy, and the  
3 free flow of commerce.

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/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

11 Office of General Counsel

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