

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-964**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING WARREN
6 ANTHONY JONES FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO
7 JACKSONVILLE THROUGH SERVICE IN ELECTED OFFICE
8 AND AS A COMMUNITY LEADER; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville native Warren A. Jones graduated from
12 Eugene Butler Middle/High School and earned his bachelor's degree in
13 political science from the University of Florida; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Jones began his career with the City of
15 Jacksonville, worked in the City's Human Resources Department as a
16 vocational counselor and later as a junior planner in the Manpower
17 Division before beginning a career in the real estate business; and

18 **WHEREAS,** in 1979, Warren Jones was the first person to qualify
19 to run for a City Council seat by collecting petition signatures
20 rather than by paying a filing fee and was successfully elected,
21 beginning a remarkable career that saw him become the longest-serving
22 council member in the history of the City Council with 7 terms and
23 28 years in office. During nearly three decades of service on the
24 Council he served on nearly every standing committee and numerous
25 special committees and was the only person ever elected to two
26 consecutive full terms as the Council President; and

27 **WHEREAS,** following his decades of service on the City Council,
28 Mr. Jones continued his public service in another form by being
29 elected to two terms on the Duval County School Board, including a
30 year as the board chair, which term concluded in November 2024, due
31 to term limits; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Warren Jones is the embodiment of a dedicated servant
2 leader, devoting himself to the representation of all the citizens
3 of Jacksonville, advocating for the needs and desires of his district
4 constituents, and serving in the role of elder statesman, wise
5 counselor and voice of reason to the City government, the School
6 Board, state and federal elected officials and countless community
7 organizations; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Jones has been married to the former Vanessa
9 Stallings for more than 38 years and has been a loving husband and
10 an amazing father; and Mr. Jones, an avid baseball fan and local
11 little league coach was able to see his son, Mychal Warren Jones, use
12 that coaching to progress to a stellar career in professional
13 baseball, and

14 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Jones is among the select few who have devoted so
15 much of their lives, their passion and their talent to the betterment
16 of our community that they are universally respected and beloved, and
17 he deserves to be commended for his embodiment of true servant
18 leadership; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
21 Warren Anthony Jones for his decades of service to the City and
22 citizens of Jacksonville and congratulates him on the conclusion of
23 his second term on the Duval County School Board. The Council extends
24 to its former colleague the best wishes of the City government and
25 Jacksonville's citizens for his continued health, happiness and
26 service to others.

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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