

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Freeman and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-344-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING DEBBIE BUCKLAND FOR HER
7 EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AS
8 CHAIR OF THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION
9 AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND RECOGNIZING HER
10 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC LIFE,
11 BUSINESS, AND PUBLIC SERVICE; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS,** Debbie Buckland has demonstrated an unwavering
15 commitment to the City of Jacksonville through her visionary
16 leadership, civic engagement, and extensive service across numerous
17 institutions dedicated to the betterment of our community; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland served with distinction as Chair of the
19 Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Board of Directors from
20 2023 to 2024, guiding the organization through a transformative era
21 marked by bold innovation, infrastructure expansion, and focus on
22 sustainable, accessible, and inclusive mobility; and

23 **WHEREAS,** under Ms. Buckland's chairmanship, JTA advanced vital
24 initiatives including autonomous vehicle integration, the
25 modernization of transit corridors, and equitable transportation
26 planning that aligned with Jacksonville's long-term economic and
27 urban development goals; and

28 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's professional acumen is reflected in
29 her decades-long career in financial services, beginning in 1979 in
30 Roanoke, Virginia, and culminating in her role as Market President
31 for Truist, where she led with integrity and a deep commitment to

1 community-based banking; and

2 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland currently serves as Area Manager for
3 Pinnacle Financial Partners in North Florida, continuing to uplift
4 businesses and entrepreneurs while serving as a connector between the
5 private and public sectors; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's civic legacy extends beyond
7 transportation, as she has served as past chair of the JAX Chamber,
8 Downtown Vision, Inc., and the American Cancer Society, and currently
9 lends her wisdom and service to the boards of WJCT Public Media,
10 Baptist Beaches Medical Center, and the Women's Board of Wolfson
11 Children's Hospital, among others; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's dedication has been widely recognized,
13 including her 2019 induction into the First Coast Business Hall of
14 Fame and her 2025 OneJax Humanitarian Award, which are testaments to
15 a life of leadership rooted in compassion, equity, and progress; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Buckland's model of servant leadership, described
17 by many as equal parts grace and grit, reflects the highest ideals
18 of civic engagement and stands as a beacon for all who strive to
19 leave their communities better than they found them; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
22 Debbie Buckland for her remarkable and selfless service as Chair of
23 the Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors from
24 2023 to 2024 and for her lifelong commitment to the advancement of
25 the City of Jacksonville through both public service and private
26 leadership. The City Council expresses profound gratitude on behalf
27 of the people of Jacksonville for her tireless service that will
28 serve as an inspiration to others through her lasting legacy.

29 **Section 2. 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/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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