

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-132**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF  
6 THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE  
7 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ON THE  
8 DAMES POINT BRIDGE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2021;  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, firefighters selflessly dedicate their time to  
12 protecting our lives and property, and sometimes they make the  
13 ultimate sacrifice while risking their lives to save others; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2021, two vehicles collided on the  
15 south end of the Dames Point Bridge, resulting in one car going  
16 over the concrete barrier wall into the five feet of water. The  
17 Florida Highway Patrol, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO"), and  
18 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD") responded to the  
19 accident. Upon arrival, JFRD's Ladder 30 crew worked tirelessly to  
20 rescue the driver. Captain Phillip O'Relli was lowered down the  
21 bridge's side upon which he harnessed the driver, and the two men  
22 were pulled back to safety; and

23 **WHEREAS**, JSO officers were a pivotal part of the rescue in  
24 maintaining the flow of traffic to minimize any further incidents,  
25 which allowed JFRD to concentrate solely on the rescue. First  
26 responders answered to calls of help even though they were placing  
27 themselves in danger. They responded with a sense of urgency,  
28 purpose, and courage for the safety of others. Although they were  
29 doing their job, the heroic efforts of the Ladder 30 crew, JSO, and  
30 everyone involved are evidence of dedication and teamwork in the  
31 midst of a crisis; now therefore

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

2           **Section 1.**           The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the  
3 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue  
4 Department for their heroic efforts on the Dames Point Bridge on  
5 February 6, 2021 and expresses its most sincere gratitude to JSO  
6 and JFRD for their exemplary service, commitment, and courage to  
7 all citizens and visitors of Duval County.

8           **Section 2.           Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

15 Office of General Counsel

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