

1 Introduced by Council Member Hazouri and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Morgan, Carlucci, Diamond, DeFoor, Newby, Boylan, Priestly
3 Jackson and Pittman:

4 **RESOLUTION 2020-122**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE
6 JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY ON ITS UPCOMING
7 PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AS PART OF THE
8 KENNEDY CENTER'S "SHIFT: A FESTIVAL OF
9 AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS"; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Symphony, one of Jacksonville's and
13 Northeast Florida's premier arts organizations, was founded in 1949
14 and for the last 7 decades has produced wonderful music with
15 outstanding musicians and music directors for the enjoyment of over
16 250,000 listeners each year; and

17 **WHEREAS**, throughout its history, and especially in the last 20
18 years, the Symphony has been committed to expanding its community
19 outreach efforts, taking the full symphony and many smaller
20 ensembles of various sizes to perform in a wide variety of venues,
21 including schools, community centers, senior communities, and
22 outdoor events in order to introduce the widest range of area
23 citizens to the wonders of professionally performed music, both
24 classical and popular, and especially to introduce children to the
25 joy of listening to and making music; and

26 **WHEREAS**, SHIFT: A Festival of American Orchestras was created
27 by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and
28 Washington Performing Arts to highlight the vitality of American
29 orchestras and to showcase how orchestras are responding to and
30 reflecting their communities in meaningful ways, inside and outside
31 the concert hall. A fundamental belief held by both the Kennedy

1 Center and Washington Performing Arts is that an orchestra's
2 artistic role is to lead and not follow, and that imaginative
3 programming advances, and not just satisfies, expectations. They
4 firmly believe that each orchestra instigates and inspires unique
5 and powerful connections with other organizations throughout its
6 home community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Symphony is honored to be one of
8 four American orchestras selected to participate in the 2020 SHIFT
9 Festival and will perform on the Kennedy Center stage on March 24th
10 with a program that includes two pieces commissioned by the
11 Jacksonville Symphony - *Celebration* by Duke Ellington, which was
12 commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Jacksonville's founding
13 and debuted in 1972, and *Bridges* by Courtney Bryan, the Symphony's
14 2019 Mary Carr Patton Composer-in-Residence which debuted last
15 season; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the city is immensely proud of the Jacksonville
17 Symphony and this national recognition of its good work, and wishes
18 to extend its congratulations and its best wishes for success in
19 Washington; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
22 commends the Jacksonville Symphony on being named one of four
23 American orchestras selected to participate in the 2020 SHIFT: A
24 Festival of American Orchestras at the John F. Kennedy Center for
25 the Performing Arts in Washington D.C on March 24th, and extends to
26 the orchestra's musicians, Music Director Courtney Lewis, the
27 management, board and patrons its best wishes for an outstanding
28 performance at this prestigious event. The Jacksonville Symphony is
29 truly one of Jacksonville's gems, and is a tremendous musical
30 ambassador for the City, the region and the nation.

31 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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