

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored Salem and
2 Amaro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-666-A**

6 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO TINA
7 SAUVAGE FOR SPEARHEADING THE RESTORATION OF THE
8 JACOB JEWELERS CLOCK, A SYMBOL OF JACKSONVILLE'S
9 RESILIENCY AND COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT; PROVIDING
10 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Jacob Jewelers clock, a beloved and iconic fixture
13 in Downtown Jacksonville and a symbol of the city's endurance and
14 history following the Great Fire of 1901, had long stood silent and
15 in disrepair; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Tina Sauvage, founder of Jax Tours, while leading a
17 historical walking tour downtown, recognized the significance of the
18 broken clock and was inspired to spearhead efforts to restore it as
19 part of her broader mission to support Jacksonville's revitalization
20 through cultural, historical, and community-based work; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Sauvage's leadership was bolstered by support from
22 Placemaking Jax, Downtown Vision, Inc., and numerous community
23 partners who shared in the vision of celebrating and preserving
24 Jacksonville's past as a foundation for its future; and

25 **WHEREAS**, after significant outreach and coordination, Ms.
26 Sauvage partnered with Alex Sifakis, President of JWB Real Estate
27 Companies, who, though not the owner of the clock, committed to fully
28 fund the restoration of the Jacob Jewelers clock and assume
29 responsibility for its annual maintenance as a gift to the people of
30 Jacksonville; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the restoration effort involved coordination with the

1 Jacksonville History Center, the Verdin Clock Company, and the City
2 of Jacksonville for the required Certificate of Appropriateness,
3 reflecting a collaborative spirit among private citizens, local
4 businesses, and government entities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the successful restoration of the Jacob Jewelers clock
6 serves as a powerful symbol of what is possible when passionate
7 individuals, civic-minded businesses, and engaged community leaders
8 work together to honor the city's heritage and invest in its future;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, additional thanks are due to David and Cibelle Jamil
11 Monk of ShayCore, Build Up Downtown, and many others who played
12 critical roles in supporting and advancing the project; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby thanks Ms. Sauvage and
15 the network of individuals and organizations who together restored
16 the Jacob Jewelers clock, honoring the City's cultural heritage and
17 history of perseverance.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

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