

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-789**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING KIPP JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC
6 SCHOOLS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY,
7 RECOGNIZING ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
8 PUBLIC EDUCATION, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND THE
9 BROADER JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) is a non-profit
13 network of college-preparatory public charter schools educating
14 elementary, middle, and high school students, working with nearly
15 125,000 students in 278 schools across the United States, including
16 Jacksonville; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, KIPP opened its first school in Jacksonville
18 and in the State of Florida, KIPP Impact Academy, with 90 fifth
19 graders, followed by the opening of KIPP VOICE Academy in 2012, KIPP
20 Bessie Coleman Academy in 2015, and KIPP Bold City High School in
21 2021, representing 3,200 students across North and West Jacksonville;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, KIPP Jacksonville has consistently demonstrated a
24 commitment to utilizing best practices to support students' academic
25 achievement through small group instruction, blending learning, and
26 co-teaching, while maintaining a high level of rigor to ensure
27 students are college and career-ready; and

28 **WHEREAS**, this commitment to student outcomes is evidenced in the
29 end-of-year testing used to measure student learning, which, for the
30 2024-2025 school year, showed that a larger percentage of students
31 who attended KIPP reached proficiency in subjects ranging from Civics,

1 Math, and Biology, when compared to the district and State of Florida;
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3 **WHEREAS**, KIPP Bold City High School graduated its inaugural
4 class of seniors in 2025, with a graduation rate of 97 percent,
5 solidifying a high-quality K-12 pathway for Duval County students;
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7 **WHEREAS**, KIPP Jacksonville has fostered strong community
8 partnerships, empowered families, and contributed to the broader
9 educational ecosystem of Jacksonville, providing students with
10 learning opportunities driven by the values of inclusive learning,
11 team and family, continuous growth, high expectations for all, and a
12 commitment to community; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is proud to recognize the
14 positive impact that KIPP Jacksonville has made over the past 15
15 years by transforming lives and communities through the power of
16 education; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors KIPP Jacksonville
19 on the occasion of its 15th anniversary, celebrating its unwavering
20 dedication to educational excellence. The City Council extends its
21 gratitude to the leadership, educators, staff, students, alumni, and
22 families of KIPP Jacksonville for their commitment and contributions
23 to the city.

24 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGuillis

Office of General Counsel

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