

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan, Carlucci, Amaro, Lahnen,
2 Pittman, Miller, Freeman, Howland and Gaffney, Jr. and Co-Sponsored
3 by Council Member Peluso:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-640-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE RECENT WJXT RETIREES
8 FOR THEIR DECADES OF SERVICE; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** WJXT originally signed on the air on September 15,
12 1949, as Jacksonville's first television station WMBR-TV, and the
13 second television station in Florida; and

14 **WHEREAS,** while local viewers become familiar with the
15 newscasters on their screens, there are numerous individuals who work
16 behind the scenes to make it all happen. Without the expertise of
17 producers, directors, writers, managers, engineers, photographers,
18 editors, and camera operators the production would come to a halt;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS,** sometimes when a group of individuals work closely
21 together for many years they become like a family, and that level of
22 camaraderie is reflected in the quality of their work. Such a
23 combination of collaboration, longevity and experience can be
24 immensely valuable to any organization; and

25 **WHEREAS,** together, this group of recent WJXT retirees have
26 provided almost 300 years of service in an endeavor to keep the public
27 informed: David Hall, Programming and Production Manager - 36 years,
28 Kevin Talley, Sports Producer - 34 years, Nancy Tillman, Director of
29 News and Studio Operations - 29 years, Al Valentine, Engineering
30 Operations Manager - 29 years, Frank Powers, Assignment Manager - 25
31 years, Randy Sell, Photographer - 24 years, Mark Clanton, Photographer

1 - 23 years, John Cassenti, Operations Engineer - 22 years, Dee Dee
2 Lang, Director - 22 years, and Jay Pennington, Multi-Platform Producer
3 - 21 years; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
6 decades of service from this group of recent WJXT retirees.
7 Jacksonville City Council commends Mr. Hall, Mr. Talley, Ms. Tillman,
8 Mr. Valentine, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sell, Mr. Clanton, Mr. Cassenti, Ms.
9 Lang and Mr. Pennington for their years of dedication, teamwork, and
10 commitment to producing local news for our city.

11 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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