

Introduced by Council Member Joe Carlucci:

RESOLUTION 2024-121

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING E. ZIMMERMANN "ZIM" BOULOS FOR HIS DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND PARTICULARLY TO THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE SAN MARCO COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, E. Zimmermann "Zim" Boulos, a Jacksonville native, earned his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University where he captained the men's soccer team and shortly thereafter joined his father's business - Office Environments & Services - where he is Owner and President of the 68 year old family business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boulos has been a strong advocate for historic preservation in San Marco, offering a steady, calm voice of reason in heated and emotional debates, working behind the scenes to achieve the best for San Marco as a committed volunteer and creative visionary for the neighborhood, with an understanding of the evolution required to keep the neighborhood viable over time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boulos challenged local architects to design a new and operational fountain to replace the one in San Marco Square, which was in need of repair, and then he and his wife, Terry, spearheaded the successful drive to raise funds for the construction of the iconic Three Lions Fountain, with donor contributions big and small because, as one donor stated, "Whatever Zim does, it is done with style"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boulos, fondly known as the "King of San Marco", is wholly or partially responsible for the installation of 8 pieces

1 of public art throughout the San Marco area, from the impressive
2 Three Lions Fountain and The Campanile tower at the Square's west
3 entry, to the Stilt walkers sculpture in front of the Museum of
4 Science and History, to whimsical statuary throughout the square; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Zim Boulos, a great lover of trees and a believer in
6 their power to soften and enhance the built landscape and bring the
7 power of nature to bear in developed spaces, as Beautification Chair
8 of the San Marco Preservation Society, he led the efforts in 1991 to
9 plant trees in the medians down Hendricks Avenue from Dunsford Avenue
10 to the Miramar Shopping Center, and has served on the boards of
11 Greenscape of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Arboretum and
12 Gardens, and currently is a board member of American Forests, the
13 nation's oldest conservation organization which is dedicated to
14 restoring America's forests by planting more than 3 million trees
15 annually; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Boulos's accomplishments are wide-ranging, from
17 his membership on the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission
18 to Airport Art Commission, and from the non-profit Aging With Dignity
19 which advocates for improved end-of-life care by encouraging people
20 to make medical decisions in advance of a serious illness, to serving
21 for many years as an internationally certified soccer referee and
22 officiating games in two FIFA World Cups and in the Olympic games;
23 now therefore

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

25 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends E.
26 Zimmermann "Zim" Boulos for his over three decades of tireless service
27 to the City of Jacksonville and especially the San Marco community
28 as a stalwart advocate for beautification, public art, trees, quality
29 architecture and preservation of the charm and character of San Marco,
30 which has helped to preserve and enhance not only the stature of the
31 community as one of the City's best places to live but has also

1 bolstered the survival of the San Marco Square through multiple
2 economic cycles and made it one of Jacksonville's most desirable
3 neighborhoods. His tireless efforts to make Jacksonville beautiful,
4 welcoming and vibrant are gratefully acknowledged and will stand as
5 a legacy of his contributions.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.
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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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