

1 Introduced by Council President Bowman & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Gulliford, Hazouri, Newby, Love, Boyer, R.
3 Gaffney, Brosche, Morgan, Crescimbeni, Wilson, Ferraro, White,
4 Pittman, Anderson, Dennis, Schellenberg and Becton:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2019-423**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ALL THOSE
8 FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, MEDICAL
9 PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHERS WHO SPRANG INTO
10 ACTION AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE IN RESPONSE TO A
11 RECENT AIRLINER ACCIDENT AT NAVAL AIR STATION
12 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, on the evening of May 3, 2019, a Miami Air
15 International jetliner chartered to ferry military personnel and
16 civilians from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to Naval Air Station
17 Jacksonville slid off the end of the runway while landing in stormy
18 weather and came to rest in 4 to 6 feet of water in the St. Johns
19 River; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the 136 passengers and 7 crew members aboard the
21 flight, some with minor injuries from the crash, exited the
22 airplane safely and were ferried to shore by Jacksonville Fire and
23 Rescue Department and U.S. Navy personnel, and 22 were transported
24 to hospitals for evaluation and treatment of their injuries; and

25 **WHEREAS**, while some of the passengers whose final destination
26 was Jacksonville were picked up by family and friends, more than 50
27 others who were bound for other destinations were housed for night
28 at the NAS Jacksonville hospital and at a youth activity center on
29 the base and made comfortable with clothing, bedding and food
30 provided by the American Red Cross until they could make other
31 travel arrangements and continue their journeys over the weekend;

1 and

2 **WHEREAS**, the accident generated an immediate and effective
3 response from hundreds of emergency first responders, ambulance and
4 hospital personnel, military personnel, and others, all of whom
5 deserve to be thanked and commended for their quick response and
6 selfless service in a time of emergency; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
9 commends the hundreds of people who responded instantly and
10 assisted in many ways large and small with the rescue and
11 subsequent care of passengers from a chartered airliner that
12 skidded off the end of a runway at Naval Air Station Jacksonville
13 and came to rest in shallow water in the St. Johns River, and with
14 the subsequent environmental clean-up and recovery of the aircraft.
15 The City extends its deepest gratitude to all of the following for
16 their assistance:

- 17 • United States Navy
- 18 • United States Coast Guard
- 19 • Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
- 20 • Clay County Sheriff's Office
- 21 • Florida Highway Patrol
- 22 • U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
- 23 • Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department
- 24 • Duval County Emergency Operations Center
- 25 • Baptist Medical Center
- 26 • UF Health Jacksonville
- 27 • Memorial Hospital Jacksonville
- 28 • Orange Park Medical Center
- 29 • Naval Hospital Jacksonville
- 30 • Century Ambulance Company
- 31 • Florida Department of Environmental Protection

- 1 • Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 2 • Salvation Army
- 3 • American Red Cross
- 4 • Firehouse Subs
- 5 • Greyhound Bus Lines
- 6 • Moran Environmental Recovery
- 7 • Global Diving and Salvage
- 8 • Jacksonville Spillage Association
- 9 • Mobro Marine
- 10 • Reynolds Industrial Park
- 11 • Paw Prints Pet Crematory

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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