

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan and Hazouri and Co-Sponsored
2 by Council Members DeFoor, Morgan, Salem, Carlucci and Becton:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2019-658**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
6 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALVIN "PETE"
7 CARPENTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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9 **WHEREAS**, Alvin "Pete" Carpenter, a native of Mt. Vernon,
10 Kentucky, attended Transylvania University and graduated from the
11 University of Cincinnati with a degree in political science and
12 began his railroad career in 1962 in Louisville as a brakeman for
13 the Louisville & Nashville Railroad; and

14 **WHEREAS**, his career spanned a period of tremendous change in
15 the railroad industry, with scores of small railroads being
16 purchased and consolidated into a few major national carriers, one
17 of which was CSX Transportation. Mr. Carpenter rose through the
18 ranks of the railroad as it grew, moving to Jacksonville in 1988
19 and eventually becoming President and CEO of CSX Transportation,
20 headquartered in Jacksonville, from 1992 to 1999 and ultimately
21 Vice Chairman of CSX Corporation, the railroad's parent company,
22 until his retirement in 2001; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Pete Carpenter was widely known and respected as a
24 leader who could balance the best interests of the company with
25 those of its employees, and who managed a change in the corporate
26 culture to one of shared responsibility and participatory decision-
27 making, guided along the way by his folksy sense of humor and
28 optimism; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his corporate responsibilities, Mr.
30 Carpenter was prolifically active in community and civic affairs,
31 serving on numerous corporate boards of directors, as board chair

1 for the Jacksonville Symphony, and on the boards of the St. Johns
2 Riverkeeper, the Salvation Army, the Cummer Museum and Gardens,
3 the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, and many others.
4 Pete and his wife Marilyn had a particular affection for the
5 Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra and played a significant role
6 in the founding of the First Coast Community Music School. He also
7 served at the state level, having been appointed by Governor Jeb
8 Bush to the Commission on Workers' Compensation Reform and the
9 Advisory Council on Base Realignment and Closure; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in his many roles, Pete Carpenter was known as a man
11 of integrity and compassion, dedicated to getting the best out of
12 his employees and peers, and treating everyone with respect and
13 courtesy; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
16 commemorates the life and accomplishments of Alvin "Pete"
17 Carpenter, and expresses its sincere condolences to his family,
18 colleagues, and many friends and admirers upon the occasion of his
19 passing. Mr. Carpenter was a stellar corporate leader and community
20 steward, and his countless contributions will be long and
21 gratefully remembered.

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

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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