

1 Introduced by Council Members Bowman and Hazouri & Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Member Morgan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2020-650-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 LIFE AND WORK OF JACKSONVILLE NATIVE, WALTER
8 LEE WILLIAMS JR., FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY
9 SERVICE AS A FORMER CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT,
10 JEA BOARD CHAIR, AND U.S. MARINE; AND FOR HIS
11 ENTREPRENEURIAL LEGACY WITHIN THE JACKSONVILLE
12 COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Walter Lee Williams Jr. was born on June 25th, 1936 in
15 Jacksonville, Florida to his loving parents Walter and Etta
16 Williams. After growing up in his hometown of Jacksonville, Mr.
17 Williams attended the University of Florida prior to serving two
18 years with the U.S. Marines; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams was a pivotal figure in Jacksonville's
20 real estate industry for many years, having founded multiple real
21 estate companies that handled residential, commercial, and property
22 management real estate. He was the president of the Jacksonville
23 Association of Realtors (JAR) in 1986 and the first president of
24 the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors (NEFAR) in 1998.
25 During his tenure with NEFAR, Mr. Williams served on nearly every
26 committee, council, and task force that the organization offered.
27 Additionally, he earned the status of Realtor Emeritus by the
28 National Association of Realtors; and

29 **WHEREAS**, along with his entrepreneurial excellence, Mr.
30 Williams was a dedicated public servant. He served on the first
31 City Council following the adoption of Consolidation in 1968,

1 including a year as Council President. In 1981, Mr. Williams served
2 as the Chair of the JEA Board and was awarded the Congressional
3 Energy Efficiency Award; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams was an avid boater, pilot, and proud
5 grandfather to his seven grandchildren. On September 30th, 2020,
6 Walter Lee Williams Jr. passed away in his hometown and community
7 that he served and loved; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
10 commemorates the life and work of Jacksonville native, Walter Lee
11 Williams Jr., for his dedicated community service as a former City
12 Council President, JEA Board Chair, and U.S. Marine; and for his
13 entrepreneurial legacy within the Jacksonville community.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Anthony J. Baltiero, City Council Research

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