

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Freeman, Carlucci, Gaffney,  
2 Jr., Salem, Peluso, Pittman, Boylan, Amaro and Clark-Murray and  
3 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Arias, J. Carlucci, Carrico, Diamond,  
4 Gay, Howland, Lahnen, Miller and White and amended on the Floor of  
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2024-217-A**

9 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING  
10 THE PASSING OF BETTY SMITH HOLZENDORF; PROVIDING  
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf was born and raised in  
14 Jacksonville. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, legislator,  
15 teacher, mentor, friend, and a community icon; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf was an avid scholar. She earned  
17 her bachelor's degree from Edward Waters College, a master's degree  
18 in biochemistry from Atlanta University, and a master's degree in  
19 education administration from the University of North Florida; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf led an extraordinary career in  
21 public service. She was a Duval County Public School teacher, Chair  
22 of the Science Department at Edward Waters College, the City of  
23 Jacksonville's Affirmative Action Officer and the Equal Employment  
24 Officer, and an aide to late Mayor Jake Godbold; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Honorable Betty Holzendorf was a feared and  
26 fearless leader who served four years in the Florida House of  
27 Representatives and ten years in the Florida Senate. She fought  
28 passionately for educational equality, access to healthcare,  
29 affordable housing, and social justice. She mastered the political  
30 art of taking a stand on behalf of those who need a voice, while  
31 finding common ground and forging solutions; and

1           **WHEREAS,** the list of Mrs. Betty Holzendorf commendations and  
2 affiliations is lengthy and esteemed. She was founder of the Northside  
3 Civic Association and a member of the NAACP, National Conference of  
4 Black State Legislators, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,  
5 and a life-long member of the African Methodist Episcopal faith  
6 holding membership at Greater Grant Memorial AME Church. She was  
7 honored as legislator of the year by countless organizations,  
8 including the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Florida School  
9 Boards Association; and

10           **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Betty Holzendorf was a trailblazing  
11 inspirational role model for today's generation of community leaders  
12 who collectively stand on the shoulders of the giants who preceded  
13 them; now therefore

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

15           **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates the  
16 life and achievements of Mrs. Betty Holzendorf. Jacksonville City  
17 Council extends condolences upon her passing to her loving husband  
18 the Honorable King Holzendorf, Jr., their children Kim V. Lockley,  
19 King L. III, Kevin and Kessler, their grandchildren Travis Lockley,  
20 Kenadee, Deidra and Kevin Grant Holzendorf II, and to all of her  
21 family, friends, colleagues and loved ones. May you find solace in  
22 her memory and the knowledge that her legacy will forever be  
23 cherished.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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