

Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

**RESOLUTION 2025-154**

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
AND NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EDUCATOR AND  
ARTS ADVOCATE JANE SHARP CONDON; PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Jane Condon, a native of Indianapolis who moved to Jacksonville at age four, graduated from Riverside (formerly Lee) High School, earned her bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earned a master's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Florida, and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Administration from Florida State University; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Condon began her teaching career in Jacksonville before joining the Department of Defense Schools in Germany and Japan. Upon returning to Jacksonville, she served eleven years as a principal in Duval County Public Schools before being appointed to a life defining tenure as Principal of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts ("DASOTA") in 1986. DASOTA was the county's recently established performing arts magnet school. Under her vision and leadership, the school quickly became one of the top-ranked arts academic magnet schools in the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** after 10 successful years at DASOTA, Jane Condon was asked to create a middle school of the arts which would provide future DASOTA students an arts-centric foundation to prepare them for high school. She worked with top-ranked local architects and construction firms to design and build LaVilla School of the Arts ("LASOTA") from the ground up and worked to assemble what she admirably called her

1 "dream team" of educators to launch LASOTA in 2000; and

2 **WHEREAS,** she retired in 2003 after a 17-year career with Duval  
3 County Public Schools; Ms. Condon continued her passions for education  
4 and the arts by launching the First Coast Community Music School,  
5 serving as a founding member of the TEDxJax committee, and fostering  
6 many artistic endeavors, including Phase Eight Theatre Company and  
7 Lumen Repertory Theatre of Greater Jacksonville. Her dedication in  
8 building institutions of artistic excellence earned her the *Florida*  
9 *Times-Union's* EVE Award for Education in 1991; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Condon passed away peacefully on February 13,  
11 2025; Jane Condon was a pillar of both the educational and arts  
12 communities in Jacksonville and her enduring legacy will live on  
13 through the many lives she touched, the schools she built, and the  
14 communities she enriched with her passion, emotional intelligence,  
15 sophistication and flair; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
18 the life and numerous accomplishments of educator and arts advocate  
19 Jane Sharp Condon and extends its sincere condolences to her family,  
20 friends and countless admirers. Ms. Condon's passion for and  
21 dedication to arts, education and their intersection are legendary  
22 and will be her lasting legacy in our community.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

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