

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Carlucci and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members Clark-Murray, Salem, Pittman, Gay, Boylan,  
3 Howland, Peluso and Amaro:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-964-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING WARREN  
8 ANTHONY JONES FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO  
9 JACKSONVILLE THROUGH SERVICE IN ELECTED OFFICE  
10 AND AS A COMMUNITY LEADER; PROVIDING AN  
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville native Warren A. Jones graduated from  
14 Eugene Butler Middle/High School and earned his bachelor's degree in  
15 political science from the University of Florida; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Jones began his career with the City of  
17 Jacksonville, worked in the City's Human Resources Department as a  
18 vocational counselor and later as a junior planner in the Manpower  
19 Division before beginning a career in the real estate business; and

20 **WHEREAS,** in 1979, Warren Jones was the first person to qualify  
21 to run for a City Council seat by collecting petition signatures  
22 rather than by paying a filing fee and was successfully elected,  
23 beginning a remarkable career that saw him become the longest-serving  
24 council member in the history of the City Council with 7 terms and  
25 28 years in office. During nearly three decades of service on the  
26 Council he served on nearly every standing committee and numerous  
27 special committees and was the only person ever elected to two  
28 consecutive full terms as the Council President; and

29 **WHEREAS,** following his decades of service on the City Council,  
30 Mr. Jones continued his public service in another form by being  
31 elected to two terms on the Duval County School Board, including a

1 year as the board chair, which term concluded in November 2024, due  
2 to term limits; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Warren Jones is the embodiment of a dedicated servant  
4 leader, devoting himself to the representation of all the citizens  
5 of Jacksonville, advocating for the needs and desires of his district  
6 constituents, and serving in the role of elder statesman, wise  
7 counselor and voice of reason to the City government, the School  
8 Board, state and federal elected officials and countless community  
9 organizations; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Jones has been married to the former Vanessa  
11 Stallings for more than 38 years and has been a loving husband and  
12 an amazing father; and Mr. Jones, an avid baseball fan and local  
13 little league coach was able to see his son, Mychal Warren Jones, use  
14 that coaching to progress to a stellar career in professional  
15 baseball, and

16 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Jones is among the select few who have devoted so  
17 much of their lives, their passion and their talent to the betterment  
18 of our community that they are universally respected and beloved, and  
19 he deserves to be commended for his embodiment of true servant  
20 leadership; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
23 Warren Anthony Jones for his decades of service to the City and  
24 citizens of Jacksonville and congratulates him on the conclusion of  
25 his second term on the Duval County School Board. The Council extends  
26 to its former colleague the best wishes of the City government and  
27 Jacksonville's citizens for his continued health, happiness and  
28 service to others.

29 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
31 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: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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