

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan, Carlucci, Amaro, Lahnen,
2 Pittman, Miller, Freeman, Howland and Gaffney, Jr.:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-640**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE RECENT WJXT RETIREES
7 FOR THEIR DECADES OF SERVICE; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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10 **WHEREAS,** WJXT originally signed on the air on September 15,
11 1949, as Jacksonville's first television station WMBR-TV, and the
12 second television station in Florida; and

13 **WHEREAS,** while local viewers become familiar with the
14 newscasters on their screens, there are numerous individuals who work
15 behind the scenes to make it all happen. Without the expertise of
16 producers, directors, writers, managers, engineers, photographers,
17 editors, and camera operators the production would come to a halt;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS,** sometimes when a group of individuals work closely
20 together for many years they become like a family, and that level of
21 camaraderie is reflected in the quality of their work. Such a
22 combination of collaboration, longevity and experience can be
23 immensely valuable to any organization; and

24 **WHEREAS,** together, this group of recent WJXT retirees have
25 provided almost 300 years of service in an endeavor to keep the public
26 informed: David Hall, Programming and Production Manager - 36 years,
27 Kevin Talley, Sports Producer - 34 years, Nancy Tillman, Director of
28 News and Studio Operations - 29 years, Al Valentine, Engineering
29 Operations Manager - 29 years, Frank Powers, Assignment Manager - 25
30 years, Randy Sell, Photographer - 24 years, Mark Clanton, Photographer
31 - 23 years, John Cassenti, Operations Engineer - 22 years, Dee Dee

1 Lang, Director - 22 years, and Jay Pennington, Multi-Platform Producer
2 - 21 years; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
5 decades of service from this group of recent WJXT retirees.
6 Jacksonville City Council commends Mr. Hall, Mr. Talley, Ms. Tillman,
7 Mr. Valentine, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sell, Mr. Clanton, Mr. Cassenti, Ms.
8 Lang and Mr. Pennington for their years of dedication, teamwork, and
9 commitment to producing local news for our city.

10 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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