

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-359**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE
6 PASSING OF BOBBY L. DEAL; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
7 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS,** born March 11, 1955, in New Jersey, Bobby L. Deal
11 grew up in Jacksonville's northside and graduated from Paxon School
12 for Advanced Studies; and

13 **WHEREAS,** after high school, Bobby Deal enlisted in the Army,
14 where he earned the National Defense Service, Good Conduct, and Army
15 Commendation Medals as well as the Expert Marksmanship Award; and

16 **WHEREAS,** when he finished his military service, Bobby Deal
17 began his career in public safety, first with the Orange Park Police
18 Department, and then with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO")
19 in 1979; and

20 **WHEREAS,** during his 35 years with JSO, Bobby Deal served in
21 numerous positions, including as a Corrections Officer, Vice
22 Detective, Sergeant in the Canine Unit, Lieutenant, Executive
23 Director of the Police Athletic League where he revitalized and
24 expanded the program, Zone Commander, and Assistant Chief of Special
25 Events in the Community Affairs Division; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Bobby Deal was a very active Member of Fraternal Order
27 of Police ("FOP") Lodge 5-30, served on many committees and boards,
28 and was a member of the FOP National Champion Softball team; and

29 **WHEREAS,** Bobby Deal served on the Police and Fire Pension Fund
30 Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustee of the Police & Fire
31 Pension Fund, where he was twice elected to be the Secretary and

1 Chairman; and

2 **WHEREAS**, after retirement, he continued to serve his fellow
3 officers by coordinating the annual "Guns n' Hoses" boxing matches
4 between Police Officers and Firefighters, raising hundreds of
5 thousands of dollars for the FOP Foundation and Firefighter charities,
6 and he was serving as the Executive Director of the FOP Foundation
7 and Trustee of the Jacksonville Police Officers and Firefighters
8 Health Insurance Trust at the time of his death; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Bobby Deal was more than a true public servant who
10 dedicated his life to ensuring safety for Jacksonville residents, he
11 was also a cherished husband, a loving father, a trusted colleague,
12 and a caring friend; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Bobby L. Deal for
15 his lifetime of public service to our City. The City Council extends
16 condolences to his family, friends, and to all who knew and loved
17 him, with the hope that his memory will provide comfort to those
18 grieving his passing.

19 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
20 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
21 introduction of this Resolution is requested in order to convey
22 condolences to the Deal family in a timely manner.

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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