

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by CM's Salem,  
2 Bowman, Newby, Diamond, Priestly Jackson, Dennis & Freeman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-725-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
7 JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THE  
8 OCCASION OF ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING AN  
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, the authority now known as the Jacksonville  
12 Transportation Authority was established in 1955 by the Florida  
13 Legislature as the Jacksonville Expressway Authority which built and  
14 operated major roads and bridges including the Fuller Warren Bridge,  
15 the Isaiah D. Hart Bridge and J. Turner Butler Boulevard; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1971 the Jacksonville Expressway Authority was  
17 converted by the Florida Legislature into the Jacksonville  
18 Transportation Authority when it expanded its transportation  
19 portfolio into mass transit by assuming operation of the private bus  
20 system in Jacksonville; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in the succeeding five decades the JTA has tremendously  
22 expanded its scope of operations, constructing the Napoleon Bonaparte  
23 Broward (Dames Point) Bridge and the Wonderwood Expressway, among  
24 many other roadways; constructing and operating the Automated Skyway  
25 Express, providing on-demand paratransit service (Connexion Plus),  
26 constructing and operating the First Coast Flyer bus rapid transit  
27 (BRT) system and taking over operation of the St. Johns River Ferry;  
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, the JTA has been an outstanding partner with the City  
30 in many endeavors, including partnering with the City to share local  
31 option gas tax revenues to construct a list of Better Jacksonville

1 Plan road projects that were uncompleted with BJP sales tax funding,  
2 operating the Stadium Shuttle system to transport fans from remote  
3 parking lots to TIAA Bank Field for Jacksonville Jaguars,  
4 Florida/Georgia, Gator Bowl and other football games, and supporting  
5 downtown redevelopment via transit-oriented development projects; and

6 **WHEREAS**, JTA is recognized as one of the finest transportation  
7 authorities in the country, earning a White House Champions of Change  
8 Award in 2015, being named the Outstanding Public Transportation  
9 System Achievement Award winner from the American Public  
10 Transportation Association (APTA) in 2016 and 2020, and earning an  
11 APTA Innovation Award in 2021; now therefore

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

13 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates  
14 the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, its Executive Director  
15 Nathaniel Ford, the JTA board of directors, and the authority's staff  
16 on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the JTA's creation and  
17 extends its best wishes for much continued success in the years to  
18 come. The JTA is a vital component of the physical mobility, economic  
19 vitality and connectivity of the City of Jacksonville and Northeast  
20 Florida.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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