

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Morgan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-591**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 LIFE AND WORKS OF LONG-TIME CHURCH MUSICIAN
8 AND PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY SYNTHIA HARTLEY
9 MCFATTEN FOR 48 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Synthia Hartley McFatten was born on July 27th, 1941
12 in Ocala, Florida to her parents Alexander Hartley and Lillie Mae
13 Fields. Ms. Hartley had a strong Christian upbringing with her
14 three younger brothers: Alexander Jr., James Alex, and Henry
15 Michael. Following her graduation from Howard High School in Ocala,
16 Ms. Hartley married Levi McFatten and relocated to Jacksonville.
17 Mrs. McFatten continued her education attending Florida Junior
18 College and received an Associate of Arts degree; and

19 **WHEREAS**, following in the footsteps of her father, Alexander,
20 who was a talented musician, Mrs. McFatten has excelled as a
21 singer, pianist, and musician sharing her talents with many
22 churches and choirs in Ocala and Jacksonville, including St. Paul
23 African Methodist Episcopal Church, Magnolia Missionary Baptist
24 Church, Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God In Christ, Mount
25 Herman Missionary Baptist Church, St. Mary's Missionary Baptist
26 Church, Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Mount Nebo Baptist
27 Church, and most notably at her beloved home church Friendship
28 Missionary Baptist where she served as a church musician for over
29 48 years; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. McFatten has served in many roles and capacities
31 within the church, including church musician, assistant youth

1 director, vacation bible school teacher, Sunday school teacher, a
2 member of the Willing Workers Club, and the founder of the Senior
3 Ministry where she currently serves as President. Additionally,
4 Mrs. McFatten dedicated herself to engaging the youth of her
5 community by starting the first 4-H club on the Northside of
6 Jacksonville, the Sherwood Harborview 4-H Club. Mrs. McFatten also
7 gave piano lessons in her home to over 200 students and held annual
8 recitals to exhibit and encourage their talents; and

9 **WHEREAS,** professionally, Mrs. McFatten worked as an
10 underwriter for the Prudential Insurance Company. After her
11 retirement, Mrs. McFatten went to work at Independent Living
12 Services and later at Northeast Florida ElderSource helping senior
13 citizens of Jacksonville in multiple capacities. Additionally, Mrs.
14 McFatten was a supervisor for the SHINE Program (Serving Health
15 Insurance Needs of the Elderly). Mrs. McFatten is the mother of
16 three daughters Sytoya, Shajuana, and Ana'Latore and the proud
17 grandmother of five; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
20 commemorates the life and works of Synthia Hartley McFatten for her
21 48 years of community service, her commitment to the youth of the
22 Northside Jacksonville community and her work with the elderly, and
23 wishes her many more years of happiness and service to her church
24 and community.

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

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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

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