

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-522**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RAYMOND LAMAR WALDEN;  
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS**, Raymond Lamar Walden built his career in the electrical  
10 contracting industry, beginning with his graduation from the NECA-  
11 IBEW Electrical Apprentice Program in June 1963 after which he became  
12 a long-time member of IBEW Local 177; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Walden was a legend at Miller Electric Company  
14 where his career spanned 47 years until his retirement in 2004. He  
15 mentored generations of electricians and project managers, and his  
16 work set the standard for field leadership and project management at  
17 the company; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Ray Walden was very active and loved playing tennis,  
19 running, and fitness training. It was always important to him to be  
20 the best that he could be, whether it was in his work or play and one  
21 of his proudest accomplishments was running the Marine Corp Marathon  
22 in Washington, DC at age 50; and

23 **WHEREAS**, a man of diverse interests and talents, Mr. Walden  
24 became a champion ballroom dancer after age 50, and after his  
25 retirement he also became a competitive trap shooter, competing at  
26 all levels of the sport, including the world championships for many  
27 years. He was also an avid Florida Gators fan and traveled to attend  
28 every National Championship game; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Walden and his wife Susan loved to travel the world,  
30 and some favorite destinations included Rome, New Zealand, and Bora  
31 Bora; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent  
2 passing of this outstanding citizen; now therefore

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

4           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
5 the life and many accomplishments of Raymond Lamar Walden and extends  
6 to his family and many friends the City's sincere condolences on his  
7 passing. His exuberant enjoyment of life and his friendship will be  
8 long and gratefully remembered.

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

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13 Form Approved:

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15                                     /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

16 Office of General Counsel

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