

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsor CMs Morgan,  
2 White, Freeman, Carrico, Salem, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor,  
3 Newby, Pittman, Boylan, Ferraro, Hazouri, Becton & Bowman:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-260-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING LONG-TIME  
8 JACKSONVILLE FIREFIGHTER AND JACKSONVILLE  
9 ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS UNION PRESIDENT  
10 RANDY WYSE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
11 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT;  
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville native Randy Wyse graduated from Episcopal  
15 High School, attended Wofford University, and earned a degree in fire  
16 management from the Florida State College at Jacksonville Fire Academy  
17 before joining the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department in 1988;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Wyse is a third generation Jacksonville  
20 firefighter, following in the footsteps of his father, uncle and  
21 grandfather who served the Jacksonville Fire Department beginning in  
22 1908, producing a legacy of 139 years of combined service to the  
23 community from one family during which a Wyse served on the department  
24 continuously with the exception of 1 year in 1940-41. Interestingly,  
25 all 4 of the Wyse firefighters served at Fire Station 2,  
26 Jacksonville's oldest continuously operating fire station at its  
27 original location, at some point in their career; and

28 **WHEREAS**, after progressing through the ranks of the Fire and  
29 Rescue Department to the rank of District Chief assigned to the  
30 Special Operations Team at Fire Station 4, Randy Wyse was elected  
31 President of the Jacksonville Association of Firefighters, IAFF Local

1 122 in 2008, and has been re-elected by acclamation since, leading  
2 the union for 13 years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Randy Wyse is always ready to put his training and  
4 years of experience into action when an emergency arises, including  
5 performing CPR in City Hall in an attempt to save the life of prominent  
6 civic leader Dr. Chester Aikens who collapsed after attending a  
7 meeting of the Jacksonville Retirement Reform Task Force in 2013.  
8 Early in his career he responded to a worker struck by lightning at  
9 the Acosta Bridge construction project and climbed up a bridge support  
10 to administer CPR to the victim, and on his first working shift as a  
11 Fire Lieutenant in January of 1993 he responded with his company to  
12 the Stuart Tank Farm fire, one of the largest industrial fires in  
13 city history. He was also the incident commander in 2009 during the  
14 rescue efforts following the collapse of the Berkman Plaza parking  
15 garage; and

16 **WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure with the JAFF, Mr. Wyse has  
17 performed admirably in the many roles required of the union president,  
18 from advocating for the best interests of his membership in the  
19 collective bargaining process to being a liaison to the City Council  
20 and Mayor to bring the needs and desires of firefighters and EMTs to  
21 the attention of the City's political leadership, and from educating  
22 and informing the public on safety matters to spearheading the union's  
23 considerable charitable giving initiatives; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Randy Wyse has recently announced that, after 33 years  
25 of service to the department and the City, the time has come for him  
26 to retire from active duty; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The Council hereby honors and commends Randy  
29 Wyse on his 33 years of outstanding service to the Jacksonville Fire  
30 and Rescue Department as a firefighter of various ranks and then as  
31 President of the Jacksonville Association of Fire Fighters Local 122.

1 Mr. Wyse continued his family's long and proud tradition of selfless  
2 dedication to the fire service for 110 years, and his performance as  
3 union president has served his membership and the citizens of  
4 Jacksonville admirably. The City Council extends to Randy Wyse its  
5 best wishes for many more years of health and happiness in his  
6 retirement.

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

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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