

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-357-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE,
7 LEGACY, AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF JOANN
8 MANNING, AND RECOMMENDING TO THE UNITED STATES
9 CONGRESS THE DESIGNATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOB
10 CORPS CENTER IN HER HONOR, AND CELEBRATING HER
11 TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
12 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP;
13 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO
14 TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ONCE
15 ADOPTED, TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS;
16 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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18 **WHEREAS**, for more than two decades, Joann Manning dedicated
19 herself to public service, nonprofit leadership, and civic
20 engagement, guided by the unwavering belief that opportunity, when
21 paired with care, accountability, and access, has the power to change
22 lives; and

23 **WHEREAS**, through her distinguished service at the Jacksonville
24 Job Corps Center as Business and Community Liaison and Career
25 Transition Specialist, Joann Manning forged enduring partnerships
26 with employers, educators, elected officials, and community
27 organizations, ensuring that young people were not simply trained,
28 but transitioned into meaningful careers, higher education, and
29 lifelong success; and

30 **WHEREAS**, under her stewardship and influence, the Jacksonville
31 Job Corps Center consistently ranked among the top programs in the

1 nation, a reflection not only of operational excellence, but of Joann
2 Manning's deep commitment to outcomes that mattered in the lives of
3 those she served; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in her prior role as Executive Director of the Wayman
5 Community Development Corporation, Joann Manning strengthened
6 programs focused on youth development, literacy, mentoring, and
7 family support, expanding resources, elevating impact, and ensuring
8 that critical services reached families who needed them most; and

9 **WHEREAS**, her service extended far beyond her professional roles,
10 as a passionate advocate for children and families affected by HIV
11 and AIDS through Camp Sunshine Jacksonville, where Joann Manning
12 helped create spaces of joy, confidence, healing, and belonging for
13 those navigating life's most difficult challenges; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning's commitment to service was equally
15 evident through more than 2,000 hours of volunteer leadership with
16 the American Cancer Society, where she not only supported survivors
17 and families, but advanced the broader fight for awareness, care, and
18 a cure; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning's civic leadership spanned numerous
20 boards and commissions, including Girls Inc. of Jacksonville, Hope
21 Haven Children's Hospital, the Mayor's Commission on the Status of
22 Women, Leadership Jacksonville, and her beloved Delta Sigma Theta
23 Sorority, Inc., where she served with distinction, embodying a
24 lifelong commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social
25 action; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning's outstanding contributions earned her
27 numerous honors, including Public Citizen of the Year, Employee of
28 the Year and Employee of the Month at Jacksonville Job Corps, and the
29 Hands On Jacksonville Health Award, yet she measured success not by
30 accolades, but by lives steadied, doors opened, and futures made
31 possible; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Joann Manning led with purpose, mentored with heart,
2 and served with integrity, leaving an indelible mark on Jacksonville
3 that will be felt for generations to come; and

4 **WHEREAS**, while her untimely passing following a courageous
5 battle with aggressive cancer represents a profound loss, Joann
6 Manning's legacy remains alive in the systems she strengthened, the
7 communities she uplifted, and the countless individuals who now walk
8 confidently through doors she helped open; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it is both fitting and necessary that the name, Joann
10 Manning, her name, be forever linked to the institution she helped
11 elevate, ensuring that future generations understand the power of one
12 life lived with intention, impact, and unwavering commitment to
13 others; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and celebrates
16 the extraordinary life, leadership, and enduring legacy of Joann
17 Manning, whose service continues to uplift, empower, and inspire. The
18 Council formally and respectfully recommends that the United States
19 Congress designate the Jacksonville Job Corps Center in honor of
20 Joann Manning, as a permanent tribute to her transformational impact
21 on workforce development, youth empowerment, and community
22 advancement. City Council calls upon community leaders, institutions,
23 and residents to carry forward her work by investing boldly in
24 opportunity, expanding access to education and career pathways, and
25 building a Jacksonville where every young person has the tools to
26 thrive.

27 **Section 2. Directive to the Chief of Legislative Services**
28 **Division.** The City Council hereby directs the Chief of the Legislative
29 Services Division to forward a copy of this Resolution, once adopted,
30 to the United States Congress.

31 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

7 Office of General Counsel

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