

1 Introduced by Council Members Bowman, Cumber, Newby, Carlucci,
2 Diamond, Salem, Morgan, White, Boylan, Freeman, Gaffney, Pittman,
3 Becton, and Ferraro:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-102**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
8 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STEVEN SPICKELMIER;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, a native of Huntington, Indiana, Steven Spickelmier
12 graduated from Huntington Township High School, where his basketball
13 team won back-to-back county championships. Inspired by stories
14 shared by his father about the military and his involvement in the
15 D-Day invasion on Omaha Beach he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1962;
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17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Spickelmier trained as a torpedoman and became a
18 Plank Owner of the submarine tender USS Holland AS-32 in Rota, Spain.
19 After completing his Naval service, he returned to Indiana and
20 attended Indiana University, then joined the Indiana Air National
21 Guard 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing in Ft. Wayne. He retired in 1987
22 as a Master Sergeant from the 482nd Fighter Wing in Homestead, Florida
23 with 26 years of military service. Mr. Spickelmier also had a 32-year
24 career with AT&T (Indiana Bell, Southern Bell, BellSouth) as a Network
25 Operations Manager; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Steve Spickelmier had a sensitive heart for the needs
27 of all veterans and became very active in many local veterans
28 organizations in Jacksonville and the surrounding four counties. He
29 was past Chairman of the Veterans Council of Duval County, past
30 Chairman of the Support Committee at Jacksonville National Cemetery,
31 past president of Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Chapter 559,

1 and past Field Operations Director for Missing in America Project
2 (MIAP) for the State of Florida. He was also an integral part of
3 Wreaths Across America, POW/MIA, Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Florida,
4 Vietnam Veterans of America, and "Gathering in the Pines" at Cecil
5 Field. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including The Legion
6 of Honor Award at The Chapel of Four Chaplains at Cecil Field; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Spickelmier was also active in other aspects of his
8 community, as Chairman of the Brierwood Neighborhood Association, an
9 active member of Mandarin United Methodist Church, and a die-hard fan
10 of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
12 passing of this stalwart champion of the military and especially its
13 veterans, to whom he dedicated much of his life; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
16 the life and accomplishments of retired Master Sergeant Steven
17 Spickelmier upon the occasion of his passing, and extends to his
18 family, friends, and many admirers the City's sincere condolences.
19 Mr. Spickelmier was an outstanding example of devotion to duty and
20 country and was an inspiration to all who knew him.

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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