

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Becton, Morgan, Bowman, Diamond, Dennis, DeFoor,
3 Ferraro, Newby, Pittman & Freeman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-132-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
8 AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF RENOWNED RIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL
9 BAND DIRECTOR CLIFFORD M. BUGGS, SR.; PROVIDING
10 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Clifford Buggs, Sr., a Jacksonville native, graduated
13 from Old Stanton High School in 1955 and from Florida A&M University
14 with a degree in music in 1959; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Buggs joined the U.S. Army and played in the Army
16 Band for several years before taking a job, recommended to him by
17 Kerna McFarlin, his band director at Stanton, as band director at a
18 school in Waycross, Georgia in 1962. When he retired as the band
19 director at Stanton in 1967, Mr. McFarlin selected Mr. Buggs to return
20 to his alma mater and take over the band; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Clifford Buggs took over the Stanton Band in the midst
22 of the school desegregation movement in Jacksonville, and the opening
23 of new schools and the redistricting of students from one school to
24 another made continuity in bands difficult, but the Stanton band
25 survived and thrived under Mr. Buggs' leadership. In 1972 he moved
26 to Ribault High School as the band director where he led the Trojans
27 Marching Band for the next 34 years with great distinction until his
28 retirement in 2006; and

29 **WHEREAS**, during his more than four decades as a band director,
30 Mr. Buggs influenced thousands of young people through his high
31 standards for musicianship, academics and behavior, imparting old-

1 school values that have stood the test of time and helped his students
2 become successful, creative, productive citizens and leaders; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2004 Clifford Buggs was recognized for his decades
4 of outstanding work and mentorship by the University of North Florida
5 by being named a recipient of the university's Gladys Prior Award for
6 Career Teaching Excellence, a well-deserved honor; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
8 passing of Mr. Buggs, who contributed so much to Jacksonville's young
9 people. Mr. Buggs is survived by his wife, Mrs. Miriam Buggs, his
10 daughter, Ms. Lena Buggs, his son, Mr. Terrance Buggs, his
11 grandchildren, his family and friends and many devoted former
12 students; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
15 the life and accomplishments of Clifford M. Buggs, Sr., the renowned
16 director of the Ribault High School Trojans Marching Band, for his
17 decades of service to the Duval County Public Schools and to the
18 students who benefitted so greatly from his influence. The City
19 extends sincere condolences to Mr. Buggs' family, friends, and many
20 admirers.

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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