

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-797**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOEL RAYMOND "RAY" MOORE
7 AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND
8 FRIENDS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
9 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Joel Raymond "Ray" Moore, a Jacksonville native and the
12 son of a long-time Jacksonville firefighter, graduated from Andrew
13 Jackson High School and, following college, returned to the school
14 as a teacher and coach; and

15 **WHEREAS**, following his teaching career, Mr. Moore was for many
16 years a successful State Farm insurance agent; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Ray Moore is best known to the general public as the
18 "father of the Veterans Memorial Wall" for his initiation and
19 leadership of the project to finance and construct a memorial to all
20 the Jacksonville citizens who gave their life in military service to
21 the country; and

22 **WHEREAS**, during his time as a student at Andrew Jackson High
23 School, Mr. Moore became interested in a hand-lettered calligraphy
24 certificate displaying the names of Andrew Jackson students who had
25 died in World War II, given by the Class of 1947. He later found that
26 the certificate had become water-damaged and had been removed for
27 storage, and that planted the seed for his desire to appropriately
28 memorialize veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in a more
29 permanent and prominent way; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in the 1990s Ray Moore spent countless hours
31 researching and collecting the names of more than 1,700 service men

1 and women who died in the line of duty from every Duval County high
2 school, and yet more countless hours raising funds and mobilizing
3 support for the construction of a wall inscribed with the names of
4 all those to be honored for their sacrifices. The wall was dedicated
5 in 1995 and ever since has been the focal point of the community's
6 ceremonies honoring those brave men and women; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Council was saddened to hear of the recent passing
8 of Ray Moore, who has done so much for our community; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City hereby honors and commemorates the life and
11 accomplishments of Joel Raymond "Ray" Moore and extends to his family,
12 friends, and many admirers the City Council's sincere condolences on
13 his passing. Ray Moore's dedication to a noble cause has left the
14 community he loved with an indelible memorial both to the honor of
15 the men and women who gave their lives for their country and to Mr.
16 Moore himself.

17 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction 15**
18 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
19 of this Resolution is requested to convey the community's sympathy
20 to Mr. Moore's family in a timely manner.

21 **Section 3. 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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