Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:

## RESOLUTION 2025-666

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO TINA SAUVAGE FOR SPEARHEADING THE RESTORATION OF THE JACOB JEWELERS CLOCK, A SYMBOL OF JACKSONVILLE'S RESILIENCY AND COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Jacob Jewelers clock, a beloved and iconic fixture in Downtown Jacksonville and a symbol of the city's endurance and history following the Great Fire of 1901, had long stood silent and in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, Tina Sauvage, founder of Jax Tours, while leading a historical walking tour downtown, recognized the significance of the broken clock and was inspired to spearhead efforts to restore it as part of her broader mission to support Jacksonville's revitalization through cultural, historical, and community-based work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sauvage's leadership was bolstered by support from Placemaking Jax, Downtown Vision, Inc., and numerous community partners who shared in the vision of celebrating and preserving Jacksonville's past as a foundation for its future; and

WHEREAS, after significant outreach and coordination, Ms. Sauvage partnered with Alex Sifakis, President of JWB Real Estate Companies, who, though not the owner of the clock, committed to fully fund the restoration of the Jacob Jewelers clock and assume responsibility for its annual maintenance as a gift to the people of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, the restoration effort involved coordination with the Jacksonville History Center, the Verdin Clock Company, and the City

of Jacksonville for the required Certificate of Appropriateness, reflecting a collaborative spirit among private citizens, local businesses, and government entities; and

WHEREAS, the successful restoration of the Jacob Jewelers clock serves as a powerful symbol of what is possible when passionate individuals, civic-minded businesses, and engaged community leaders work together to honor the city's heritage and invest in its future; and

WHEREAS, additional thanks are due to David and Cibelle Jamil Monk of ShayCore, Build Up Downtown, and many others who played critical roles in supporting and advancing the project; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby thanks Ms. Sauvage and the network of individuals and organizations who together restored the Jacob Jewelers clock, honoring the City's cultural heritage and history of perseverance.

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

Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

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