

1 Introduced by Council Members Amaro, Johnson, Miller, Pittman,
2 Lahnen, J. Carlucci, Howland, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr. and Carrico and
3 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Salem and White:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-235-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE
8 UNIVERSITY DOLPHINS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR
9 WINNING THE 2026 ATLANTIC SUN (ASUN) CONFERENCE
10 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville University Dolphins Women's Basketball
14 Team demonstrated exceptional skill, perseverance, and teamwork
15 throughout the 2025-2026 season, finishing with a remarkable 24-8
16 record and earning the number two seed in the 2026 Atlantic Sun (ASUN)
17 Conference Women's Basketball Tournament; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2026, at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena in
19 Jacksonville, the Dolphins emerged victorious at the ASUN Conference
20 Women's Basketball Championship with a thrilling 66-63 overtime
21 victory, beating Austin Peay State University; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the championship game showcased the team's resilience
23 and determination as the Dolphins battled through a tightly contested
24 matchup that went to overtime before victory was secured; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the raw talent and skill of the whole team were on
26 display, with decisive performances by Priscilla Williams, who
27 delivered 13 rebounds and scored 16 points; Carmaya Bowman, who
28 contributed a strong performance with 10 points scored; Comari
29 Mitchell, who secured the lead in overtime, paving the way to victory;
30 and Makiya Miller, who sealed the game with two free-throws with only
31 nine seconds left on the clock, earning her the title of the ASUN

1 Tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

2 **WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Head Coach Special Jennings and
3 the dedicated coaching staff, the team has exemplified excellence in
4 athletics, academics, and sportsmanship; and

5 **WHEREAS**, this championship win marks Jacksonville University's
6 second ASUN women's basketball title and the first in nearly a decade,
7 while earning the team a spot in the NCAA Women's Basketball
8 Tournament for only the second time in program history; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville University Dolphins Women's Basketball
10 Team's achievement brings pride and national recognition to the City
11 of Jacksonville and serves as an inspiration for student athletes
12 throughout Northeast Florida; now, therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors the Jacksonville
15 University Dolphins Women's Basketball Team for their victory in the
16 2026 Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and congratulates the
17 players, coaches, and staff for their extraordinary accomplishment.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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