

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman, Pittman, Amaro, Miller, Salem,
2 Gaffney Jr., Howland, Clark-Murray and Johnson:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-498**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2024 GRADUATING
7 CLASS OF WILLIAM M. RAINES HIGH SCHOOL WHO ALL
8 PASSED THEIR STATE EXAMS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
9 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS,** William M. Raines High School, a historically black
13 Duval County high school, has been shaping lives through the power
14 of education for generations; and

15 **WHEREAS,** students graduating in 2024 began high school in 2020
16 at the height of the pandemic, and endured all of the educational and
17 social changes associated with that time; and

18 **WHEREAS,** this year, despite all of the challenges and for the
19 first time in history, every member of the Raines graduating class
20 successfully passed the state exams that are required to receive a
21 diploma; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the students of the Raines High School 2024 graduating
23 class earned nearly \$8.5 million in academic and athletic
24 scholarships, and ninety percent of the graduates passed a college
25 level course or received industry certification; now therefore

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

27 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the
28 William M. Raines High School Class of 2024 for their hard work and
29 outstanding achievements. Jacksonville City Council also extends
30 appreciation to their teachers, administrators, school staff and
31 families for providing these amazing students with the support to

1 succeed.

2 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
3 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
4 introduction of this legislation is requested in order to coincide
5 with Raines High School graduation and to recognize these talented
6 students in a timely manner.

7 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13 _____ /s/ Shannon MacGillis

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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