

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-279**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFETIME OF
6 ACHIEVEMENTS AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF CALVIN
7 BURNEY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was born February 4, 1953 and grew up in
10 North Carolina. He earned a Bachelor's in Science from the
11 Historically Black University, Fayetteville State, and then his
12 Master's degree in city planning at the Georgia Institute of
13 Technology; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney made the city of Jacksonville his adopted
15 home when he came to Northeast Florida in 1978 to work for the
16 Regional Planning Council as a planner for seven Northeast Florida
17 counties. Jacksonville is also where Calvin found his soulmate when
18 he met and married Betty; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1986 Calvin Burney became a planner for the Florida
20 Department of Transportation. In 1989, Mayor Tommy Hazouri appointed
21 him to the twin roles of Chief of Transportation for the City and
22 Director of the Jacksonville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was known as a visionary transportation
24 and city planner, able to plan for decades into the future amongst
25 layers of complicated requirements and regulations. He had a hand in
26 many of Jacksonville's largest projects, including the expansion of
27 Mayo Clinic to St. Johns Town Center, the J. Turner Butler corridor,
28 Gate Parkway, the Brooklyn neighborhood, and Dames Point; and

29 **WHEREAS**, from 2011 to 2015 Calvin Burney was the Director of the
30 Planning and Development Department for Jacksonville during Mayor
31 Alvin Brown's administration. Upon his retirement, Calvin spent his

1 time managing his consulting firm, Transportation Planning Group
2 Inc., sharing time with friends and family and maintaining his two
3 beloved classic cars; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was a loving husband to Betty, a doting
5 father to Calvin, Jr. and Tashlai (his wife) and Craig, a proud
6 grandfather to Calvin, III, brother and brother-in-law, family man,
7 fraternity brother (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.), and a friend
8 and inspiration to so many others; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Calvin Burney was an active member of St. Paul AME
10 Church, where he served as a trustee and a teacher, and he had a keen
11 ability to get things done without compromising his integrity. He was
12 a longtime public servant and a trailblazer who loved the City of
13 Jacksonville and did all that he could to make our city thrive; now
14 therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Calvin
17 Burney's lifetime of public service, his numerous professional
18 achievements and the positive impact he made on our community.
19 Jacksonville City Council expresses sincere condolences to the Burney
20 family, friends and loved ones upon his passing.

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: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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