

1 The Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee offers the
2 following Substitute to File No. 2019-128:

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4 Introduced by Council Member Gulliford and Co-Sponsored by Council
5 Member R. Gaffney:

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8 **ORDINANCE 2019-128**

9 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AN HONORARY STREET
10 DESIGNATION AND ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS;
11 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON
12 1ST STREET WEST EXTENDING FROM JEFFERSON
13 STREET NORTH TO PEARL STREET NORTH TO
14 "REVEREND HENRY T RHIM BOULEVARD"; PROVIDING
15 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY
16 MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS
17 ON THE DESIGNATED ROADWAY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT
18 7; HONORING THE LEGACY OF REVEREND HENRY T.
19 RHIM AND RECOGNIZING HIS ACHIEVEMENTS;
20 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 745.105 (I)
21 (2), *ORDINANCE CODE*, REGARDING PERSONS WHO
22 STREETS MAY BE NAMED AFTER; WAIVING THE
23 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 745.105 (I) (3),
24 *ORDINANCE CODE*, REQUIRING THAT THE PERSON
25 RESIDE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE STREET NAME
26 CHANGE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS; DIRECTING
27 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO FORWARD ORDINANCE TO
28 THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
29 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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31 **WHEREAS**, more than 40 years ago, Henry Thomas Rhim was highly

1 recommended by the leaders of the Luther Rice Seminary to be the
2 new Pastor Teacher for St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in a span of four decades, Reverend Doctor H.T. Rhim
4 has served as an outstanding leader, and pastor impacting thousands
5 of lives in the Jacksonville area as the Pastor of St. Joseph
6 Missionary Baptist Church; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as the pastor of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist
8 Church, Reverend Doctor H.T. Rhim has implemented approximately 44
9 innovative ministries including but not limited to the Big
10 Brothers/Big Sisters Ministry, the Computer Ministry; the
11 Educational Ministry and the Social Justice Ministry; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to give hope and inspiration to all
13 residents in Jacksonville, the Radio Ministry entitled "Let the
14 Bible Speak," was first broadcasted on the air in 1970 on WBIX, and
15 continued in more recent years as a weekly broadcast on WCGL; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, the members of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist
17 Church purchased 2.5 acres of land and broke ground on a new church
18 building on April 20, 1985 and within less than 10 years,
19 completely satisfied the mortgage for the new church building in
20 September, 1994; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim has served in numerous
22 officer roles in the East Florida and Bethany Baptist Association
23 including serving as President, Financial Secretary, and Chieftain
24 of the Youth Department; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim served commendably as a
26 member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Ministers Conference
27 of Duval and surrounding communities, and the Interdenominational
28 Ministerial Alliance; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim's role as a successful
30 leader has extended statewide; he was elected and eventually served
31 10 consecutive terms as the President of the Progressive Missionary

1 and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim was appointed at the
3 national level to the finance committee of the National Baptist
4 Convention of America, Inc., and quickly advanced to be appointed
5 1st Vice President of the Congress in September, 1988 and 4th Vice
6 President in 1990; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as a representative of the Congress of National
8 Black Churches, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim authored 2 devotions
9 for the African American Devotional Bible; and

10 **WHEREAS**, expressing his sincere devotion for the Jacksonville
11 community, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim is an active member of the
12 NAACP, and was appointed, in 1986 to the Governor's Task Force on
13 the Black Family by Governor Bob Graham and numerous other Task
14 Forces and the Jacksonville Urban League; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, he was appointed to the University of North
16 Florida Student-to-Student Program's Advisory Council; and

17 **WHEREAS**, most notably, the Florida Seminary at Lakeland,
18 Florida awarded Reverend Doctor Rhim an Honorary Doctor of Divinity
19 Degree; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in early 1997, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim
21 chartered and developed the Blackbottom/Springfield Human
22 Development Corporation which formed the Project S.P.I.R.I.T.
23 program for after-school tutoring and summer camp activities; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church has been in
25 the Jacksonville community since 1930, having prior received
26 national recognition for celebrating its 70th anniversary; and

27 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church
28 received acknowledgements from President Bill Clinton; Vice
29 President Al Gore, Senator Bob Graham, Governor Jeb Bush, Senator
30 Betty Holzendorf, Mayor John A. Delaney, Sheriff Nathaniel Glover
31 and other Presidential cabinet members; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2012, Reverend Doctor Rhim was honored
2 by the Baptist Ministries Conference of Duval and Adjacent Counties
3 with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Rhim was honored by the Jacksonville
5 Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a
6 recipient of their SCLC Legends, Pioneers and Trailblazer Award on
7 April 5, 2013; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in February 2015, recognizing him as a long-time
9 community activist and role-model, Reverend Doctor Rhim received a
10 Trailblazers Award from Mayor Alvin Brown; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Rhim was named by the Barker
12 Foundation as one of the legends in ministry in its 1st Ministry
13 Legends Awards in October 2015; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the application fee has been remitted to satisfy the
15 cost for the honorary street designation and accompanying signage,
16 a copy of the receipt is hereby attached as **Exhibit 2**; and

17 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105(c), notice has been
18 provided to all adjoining property owners, copies of which are
19 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**; and

20 **WHEREAS**, while an adjoining property owner, First Florida
21 Credit Union, which owns the other two parcels on this section of
22 the road objected to the original request to rename the portion of
23 1st Street West, from Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North,
24 First Florida Credit Union is amenable to the conversion of the
25 application to an honorary marker designation for the portion of 1st
26 Street West, from Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North,
27 thereby providing that 100% of the property owners whose address is
28 assigned agree to the honorary marker designation; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 745.105 (i) (2), *Ordinance*
30 *Code*, allow for streets to have an honorary marker designation for
31 persons who have been deceased for a minimum five (5) years, but

1 given the contributions of Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim's
2 accomplishments and the community's desire to honor Doctor Rhim
3 during his lifetime, the Council hereby has determined to waive
4 that limitation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 745.105 (i)(3) require that
6 the person being honored should have resided in the community
7 within five miles of the street name change for at least ten years
8 but given Reverend Doctor Rhim's connection to this location
9 through the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, which has been
10 located on this road for more than 30 years, it is appropriate to
11 waive this limitation; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Council has, by a 2/3 vote, agreed to waive the
13 requirements of Sections 745.105(i)(2) and (i)(3), Ordinance Code;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to honor Reverend Doctor Rhim for
16 his faithful service to St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church and
17 the surrounding community by designating an honorary street marker
18 for a portion of 1st Street West from Jefferson Street North to
19 Pearl Street North; now therefore,

20 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

21 **Section 1. 1st Street West to receive an honorary street**
22 **designation for Reverend Henry T. Rhim.** 1st Street West, extending
23 from Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North, in Council
24 District 7, shall hereby be designated as contemplated by Section
25 745.105(j), Ordinance Code, for Reverend Henry T. Rhim. A map of
26 the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

27 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for Reverend Henry**
28 **T. Rhim.** Two honorary roadside markers, as contemplated by Section
29 745.105(j), Ordinance Code, recognizing and honoring Reverend Henry
30 T. Rhim shall be placed in appropriate locations on 1st Street West
31 from Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North.

1 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 745.105 (i) (2), Ordinance**
2 **Code.** Section 745.105 (i)(2), *Ordinance Code*, requiring the
3 approval of streets named for persons who have been deceased for
4 five years, is hereby waived as Reverend Doctor Rhim is not
5 deceased, and to allow for the honorary street designation as set
6 forth in Section 1 hereof, given the many contributions of Reverend
7 Doctor Rhim to the community.

8 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 745.105(i) (3), Ordinance**
9 **Code. Section 745.105(i) (3), Ordinance Code,** requiring that the
10 person to whom the honorary street markers is requested shall have
11 resided in the community within five miles of the honorary marker
12 designation for at least ten years is hereby waived as Reverend
13 Doctor Rhim has not lived within five miles of the requested
14 honorary marker designation but his congregation, to which he has
15 served as pastor for more than 40 years, St. Joseph Missionary
16 Baptist Church has been located on this segment of 1st Street West
17 for more than thirty (30) years and has had a profound impact on
18 the surrounding community.

19 **Section 5. Directing Legislative Services to forward a**
20 **copy to the Planning Department.** The Chief of Legislative Services
21 is requested to send a copy of this legislation once enacted to the
22 Planning Department, Addressing Unit, for processing,
23 implementation, and coordination with the Public Works Department,
24 Traffic Engineering Division and other affected agencies and
25 organizations.

26 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall
27 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
28 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

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