

1 Introduced by Council Members Hazouri and Salem & Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Morgan, Pittman, Hazouri, Diamond, Carlucci, Becton
3 & Wilson:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-198-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
8 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAMIR SALAMEH; PROVIDING
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Samir Elias Salameh was born in 1942 in Ramallah,
12 Palestine and immigrated to the United States in 1962, settling in
13 Jacksonville and working in a bakery and a convenience store briefly
14 before joining the Salameh family grocery store. Three years later
15 he and his brother Munir Salameh bought the Charlotte Sundries
16 sandwich shop on East 8th Street and bought Colonial Sundries on
17 Hendricks Avenue and began their restaurant empire; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Salameh had a tremendous entrepreneurial spirit and
19 through hard work, in cooperation with his brother Munir and their
20 wives, Suad and Basima, they founded The Sheik restaurant in 1972 at
21 the corner of Main Street and 18th Street in Springfield, which was
22 the first in a chain of 10 restaurants operating today across
23 Jacksonville, some owned and operated by brothers and the sons of the
24 founders and others by franchisees; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Samir Salameh was a respected and highly visible leader
26 in the community, a member of the Ramallah Club of Jacksonville and
27 of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Salameh was the loving and devoted patriarch of a
29 large extended family, bestowing time, wisdom and guidance to his
30 children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and emphasizing the
31 values of faith, education and hard work to leading a successful and

1 productive life of service; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Council was saddened to learn recently of the
3 passing of Samir Salameh and wishes to commemorate his life; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
7 commemorates the life and accomplishments of Samir Salameh upon the
8 occasion of his passing, and extends to his family, friends, and
9 admirers the City's heartfelt condolences. Mr. Salameh was a leader
10 in the business and civic communities, and his wisdom and generosity
11 will be long and gratefully remembered by all who knew him.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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