Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Lahnen, Miller, Peluso, Pittman, Salem and White and amended on the Floor of Council:

RESOLUTION 2024-645-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING JACKSONVILLE'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MORTICIANS FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, those who work in the funeral services industry provide compassionate end-of-life arrangements at the most challenging of times; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, funeral directors and morticians faced a surge of thousands of additional losses of life, yet still provided comfort and dignity to bereft families despite the daunting caseload; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, funeral directors and morticians faced unprecedented challenges, often working long hours under extraordinarily difficult circumstances and despite personal health and safety risks; and

WHEREAS, funeral directors and morticians serve as our city's last responders, and their work is essential and provides support to grieving families during a time of immense loss and uncertainty; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby honors all who work in Jacksonville's funeral services industry for their indispensable

1 service, especially during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2 Jacksonville City Council greatly appreciates their unwavering

3 commitment to ensure that our deceased were cared for with respect,

4 and their dedication to offering solace to those suffering with grief.

5 **Section 2.**   **Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become

6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11   /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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