

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-129**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 125TH FIGHTER WING
6 OF THE FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD FOR THEIR
7 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND SUPPORT DURING THE
8 COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, the 125th Fighter Wing is a unit within the Florida
12 Air National Guard. The Air National Guard's mission is to maintain
13 well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization
14 during times of war and to provide assistance during national
15 emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. During peacetime, the
16 combat-ready units and support units are assigned to most U.S. Air
17 Force major commands to carry out missions compatible with
18 training, mobilization readiness, humanitarian and contingency
19 operations. The 125th are stationed at the Jacksonville Air National
20 Guard Base at Jacksonville International Airport; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the 125th Fighter Wing's specific mission is to
22 provide air defense for the southeastern United States from
23 Charleston, South Carolina to the southern tip of Florida and
24 across the Florida panhandle. However, during the COVID-19
25 pandemic, the men and women of the 125th provided their services on
26 the ground by giving much needed frontline support at dozens of
27 COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites across the state of Florida;
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29 **WHEREAS**, in Jacksonville, the 125th Fighter Wing were
30 instrumental in the COVID-19 response efforts at the Regency Square
31 Mall testing/vaccination site by providing sixty airmen to assist

1 in the vaccination efforts. There are currently 100 members of the
2 125th Fighter Wing activated to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic
3 response efforts. In total, there have been 581 personnel
4 activations during the pandemic response. In addition to the
5 Regency Square Mall location, the 125th have provided support at
6 multiple locations, including the Jacksonville International
7 Airport, Orlando International Airport, the Orange County
8 Convention Center, and many more across the state; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the 125th
11 Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard for their
12 outstanding service and support during the COVID-19 pandemic
13 response. Their training and experience have proved invaluable in
14 helping state, county, and city officials to deal with the
15 unprecedented challenges to public health and safety posed by the
16 COVID-19 pandemic.

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

24 Office of General Counsel

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