

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson & Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Salem, Bowman, Becton, Freeman, DeFoor, Morgan,  
3 Carlucci, Cumber, Dennis, Diamond, Pittman, Boylan, Carrico, Gaffney,  
4 Ferraro, Newby, and White and amended on the Floor of Council:  
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7 **RESOLUTION 2021-765-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
9 AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF NOTED JACKSONVILLE CIVIL  
10 RIGHTS LEADER LLOYD N. PEARSON, JR.; PROVIDING  
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Lloyd N. Pearson, Jr., a native of Jacksonville,  
14 graduated from Old Stanton High and attended Edward Waters College  
15 before beginning a 35-year career at the U.S. Postal Service,  
16 following in the footsteps of his father Lloyd N. Pearson, Sr.; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pearson had, and still has, a long and distinguished  
18 leadership role in America's struggle for civil rights. A stalwart  
19 of Jacksonville's branch of the NAACP, for many years he chaired  
20 voter registration drives that registered over 65,000 African  
21 Americans as voters, and personally registered over 35,000 of those  
22 new voters; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Lloyd Pearson was also a proponent of direct action to  
24 right wrongs and achieve justice. He organized and marched in many  
25 picket lines to protest segregation and overcome discriminatory  
26 employment practices in Jacksonville businesses and places of public  
27 accommodation. He participated in the famous March on Washington in  
28 1963 and returned in 2013 to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
29 that seminal event in civil rights history; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pearson, a father of 6 children, grandfather of 17  
31 and great-grandfather of 27, is a firm believer in quality education

1 as a key to success in life, and was very active over several decades  
2 in the fight to desegregate Jacksonville's public schools following  
3 the landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme court in *Brown v. Board of*  
4 *Education* that outlawed segregation in public education; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his many civil rights activities, Lloyd  
6 Pearson was also extremely active in Woodlawn Presbyterian Church  
7 where he was an elder for 52 years, superintendent of the Sunday  
8 School, Sunday School teacher, member of the Trustee Board and in  
9 numerous other leadership capacities, Moderator of the St. Augustine  
10 Presbytery, Moderator of the South Atlantic Synod and numerous other  
11 leadership capacities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pearson continues to be an inspiring leader in the  
13 quest for equality, economic and social progress, and civil rights  
14 and liberties for all; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
17 the life and many achievements of noted Jacksonville civil rights  
18 leader Lloyd N. Pearson, Jr., and thanks him for his countless efforts  
19 to improve the fairness and quality of life for all Jacksonville  
20 residents. The Council extends to Mr. Pearson its best wishes for  
21 continued health, happiness, and advocacy for the causes to which he  
22 has dedicated his long life.

23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28  /s/ Paige H. Johnston

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research