

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Diamond & Becton:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-522-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
7 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RAYMOND LAMAR WALDEN;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Raymond Lamar Walden built his career in the electrical
11 contracting industry, beginning with his graduation from the NECA-
12 IBEW Electrical Apprentice Program in June 1963 after which he became
13 a long-time member of IBEW Local 177; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Walden was a legend at Miller Electric Company
15 where his career spanned 47 years until his retirement in 2004. He
16 mentored generations of electricians and project managers, and his
17 work set the standard for field leadership and project management at
18 the company; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Ray Walden was very active and loved playing tennis,
20 running, and fitness training. It was always important to him to be
21 the best that he could be, whether it was in his work or play and one
22 of his proudest accomplishments was running the Marine Corp Marathon
23 in Washington, DC at age 50; and

24 **WHEREAS**, a man of diverse interests and talents, Mr. Walden
25 became a champion ballroom dancer after age 50, and after his
26 retirement he also became a competitive trap shooter, competing at
27 all levels of the sport, including the world championships for many
28 years. He was also an avid Florida Gators fan and traveled to attend
29 every National Championship game; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Walden and his wife Susan loved to travel the world,
31 and some favorite destinations included Rome, New Zealand, and Bora

1 Bora; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
3 passing of this outstanding citizen; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
6 the life and many accomplishments of Raymond Lamar Walden and extends
7 to his family and many friends the City's sincere condolences on his
8 passing. His exuberant enjoyment of life and his friendship will be
9 long and gratefully remembered.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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