

1 Introduced by Council Members Newby and Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-127**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
6 LIFE AND MINISTRY OF DR. JEANNETTE C. HOLMES-
7 VANN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Jeannette C. Holmes-Vann, a native of Macon,
10 Georgia, moved to Jacksonville at an early age and attended the
11 Duval County Public Schools before earning her bachelor's and
12 master's degrees at Edward Waters College. She was awarded an
13 honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jacksonville
14 Theological Seminary in 1995; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Holmes-Vann was employed by the Duval County
16 School System as a teacher for 21 years, during which time she also
17 founded and pastored the Hope Chapel Ministries in order to put her
18 deep spirituality into practice before leaving the school system to
19 devote her full time and attention to the growing ministry; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Hope Chapel Ministries, initially known as Unity,
21 Prayer, Bible and Mission Outreach, was founded in the basement of
22 her home and steadily outgrew a number of other facilities used for
23 specific events until in 1981 the first permanent building was
24 constructed, the beginnings of a still-growing campus; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Hope Chapel Ministries now encompasses both the
26 church, its numerous associated ministries, and a private non-
27 chartered school and serves the community in a variety of ways,
28 particularly through its ministries dedicated to outreach to the
29 elderly, the incarcerated, and the hopeless and through the
30 education of children to be quality, productive adults; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent

1 passing of Dr. Holmes-Vann; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and
4 commemorates the life and many accomplishments of Dr. Jeannette C.
5 Holmes-Vann, Pastor of Hope Chapel Ministries, upon the occasion of
6 her passing, and extends to her family, friends, and congregation
7 the City's sincere condolences. Her example of faith in action was
8 an inspiration to all who knew her, and her legacy will be long and
9 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/ Paige H. Johnston

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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