

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-550-A**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING CARROLL'S
6 MEAT SHOPPE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS SIXTIETH
7 ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF
8 JACKSONVILLE AND RECOGNIZING SIX DECADES OF
9 EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY IMPACT, AND COMMITMENT TO
10 FEEDING FAMILIES; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
11 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Carroll's Meat Shoppe was founded in 1966 by Herman
14 "Smitty" Schuman in Jacksonville's historic Panama Park community and
15 has, for six decades, served as a trusted neighborhood institution
16 dedicated to quality products, affordable prices, and exceptional
17 customer service; and

18 **WHEREAS**, what began as a small family-owned butcher shop has
19 grown into one of Jacksonville's most beloved local businesses,
20 serving generations of families, while maintaining the values of
21 integrity, consistency, and hard work, and a genuine commitment to
22 people; and

23 **WHEREAS**, inspired by a small meat market Mr. Schuman encountered
24 during a visit to Chicago, Carroll's Meat Shoppe was established with
25 a simple philosophy, "Service with a smile and be sure what you sell
26 is good, clean, and fresh," that continues to guide the business
27 nearly sixty years later; and

28 **WHEREAS**, today, under the leadership of Mr. Schuman's grandson,
29 John Rose, Carroll's Meat Shoppe continues to uphold the traditions
30 and standards established by its founder while adapting to meet the
31 needs of a changing Jacksonville; and

1 **WHEREAS**, located in a community often described as a food desert,
2 Carroll's Meat Shoppe has served not merely as a retail establishment,
3 but as an essential community resource, ensuring that residents have
4 access to affordable, high-quality food products and the personal
5 service that has become increasingly rare in modern commerce; and

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout its sixty-year history, Carroll's Meat
7 Shoppe has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to the
8 well-being of Jacksonville's residents through countless acts of
9 generosity, charitable giving, food donations, support for churches
10 and nonprofit organizations, and assistance to families facing
11 hardship, often helping ensure that tables were filled and meals were
12 shared when resources were scarce; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the impact of Carroll's Meat Shoppe extends far beyond
14 the products it sells, having fostered a sense of community, created
15 meaningful employment opportunities, and cultivated relationships
16 that have endured across multiple generations of customers and
17 employees alike; and

18 **WHEREAS**, longtime employees, some of whom have dedicated decades
19 of service to the business, exemplify the family atmosphere and
20 enduring values that have become hallmarks of the Carroll's Meat
21 Shoppe experience; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in an era when many neighborhood businesses have
23 disappeared, Carroll's Meat Shoppe remains a testament to the power
24 of local entrepreneurship, community investment, and the enduring
25 belief that businesses thrive when they place people first; and

26 **WHEREAS**, for sixty years Carroll's Meat Shoppe has done more
27 than sell meat, it has nourished families, strengthened
28 neighborhoods, supported the vulnerable, and reminded Jacksonville
29 that community is built one relationship, one act of kindness, and
30 indeed one meal at a time; and

31 **WHEREAS**, institutions such as Carroll's Meat Shoppe represent

1 the very best of our city, by demonstrating resilience, compassion,
2 deeply investing in the success and well-being of the communities
3 they serve; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
6 Carroll's Meat Shoppe upon the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary
7 and extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for six decades
8 of faithful service to the citizens of Jacksonville. The City Council
9 recognizes the Schuman family, John Rose, the dedicated employees of
10 Carroll's Meat Shoppe, and all those whose commitment and hard work
11 have made this remarkable milestone possible. The City Council
12 applauds Carroll's Meat Shoppe for its lasting contributions to food
13 accessibility, neighborhood stability, charitable outreach, economic
14 vitality, and community service throughout Jacksonville.

15 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
16 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
17 introduction of this Resolution is requested. The nature of the
18 emergency is to timely convey commendation to Carroll's Meat Shoppe
19 at a community event July 3, 2026.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

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