

1 Introduced by Council Members Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Amaro, Miller,  
2 Salem, Lahnen, and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Arias  
3 and Johnson:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-571-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING PARIS RICHARDSON ON BEING  
8 CROWNED MISS FLORIDA 2025, AND COMMENDING HER  
9 EXEMPLARY DEDICATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH,  
10 EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE; PROVIDING THE  
11 COUNCIL'S INTENT TO PRESENT RESOLUTION;  
12 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;  
13 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 **WHEREAS,** Paris Richardson, a proud Jacksonville native and  
16 alumna of Jean Ribault High School (Class of 2020), has made our  
17 community proud by being crowned Miss Florida 2025, the first Miss  
18 Gainesville winner since 1952 – a monumental achievement that places  
19 her among the elite in pageant history; and

20 **WHEREAS,** she is a Double Gator, earning both a Bachelor of  
21 Public Health (2023) and a Master of Health Administration (2025)  
22 from the University of Florida, where she also served as Miss  
23 University of Florida (2023), Miss Northeast Florida (2024), a member  
24 of Florida Blue Key, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and UF's cheerleading  
25 squad, and was inducted into the 2025 University of Florida Hall of  
26 Fame, the institution's highest student honor; and

27 **WHEREAS,** Paris distinguished herself as a research assistant  
28 on a prestigious NIH grant-funded study aimed at improving trust and  
29 wellness among African American women in reproductive health,  
30 demonstrating leadership grounded in evidence and compassion; and

31 **WHEREAS,** her talents – including captivating acrobatic dance

1 – and her visionary community service initiative, C.R.O.W.N. of Health  
2 (Community Research Outreach Wellness Nutrition), exemplify a drive  
3 to dismantle barriers in healthcare equity, rooted in integrity and  
4 action; and

5 **WHEREAS**, through her remarkable achievements and authenticity,  
6 Paris Richardson has become a beacon of possibility, proving that  
7 excellence is not merely achieved, but cultivated through courage,  
8 discipline, and an unrelenting faith in one's calling; and

9 **WHEREAS**, her story serves as both a mirror and a map for  
10 countless young women, reflecting the beauty of who they already are,  
11 and charting a path toward what they are capable of becoming, with  
12 poise, conviction, and a crown of purpose; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Paris's commitment extends into early childhood  
14 development, she has authored and reads her children's book, *The Not-*  
15 *So-Perfect Garden Project*, inspiring students in food-desert  
16 neighborhoods and fostering future community leaders; and

17 **WHEREAS**, she was awarded more than \$39,000 in scholastic  
18 scholarships through the Miss America Opportunity, including a  
19 \$20,000 prize as Miss Florida, Paris is poised to shine on the  
20 national stage in September's Miss America Competition at The Walt  
21 Disney Theater at the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts in  
22 Orlando, Florida; and

23 **WHEREAS**, from Jacksonville's Northside to the state stage, Ms.  
24 Richardson is a beacon of purpose, leadership, and service, inspiring  
25 others through her grace, intellect, and commitment to health and  
26 community upliftment; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Paris  
29 Richardson for her exemplary dedication to public health, education,  
30 and community service, her grace, intellect, and unwavering  
31 commitment to advancing health equity, embodying the ideals of servant

1 leadership and civic responsibility. The City Council salutes her  
2 advocacy through C.R.O.W.N. of Health, recognizing its measurable  
3 impact in bridging communication between healthcare providers and  
4 underserved communities across Florida and honors her scholarship  
5 achievements and her role as a powerful ambassador for Jacksonville—  
6 showcasing Jacksonville's values of perseverance, innovation, and  
7 community uplift.

8       **Section 2. Providing the Council's Intent to Present**  
9 **Resolution.** That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Paris  
10 Richardson, with heartfelt gratitude from her hometown for inspiring  
11 young women and setting a standard of excellence that reflects  
12 Jacksonville's best.

13       **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
14 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
15 introduction of this Resolution is requested as Ms. Richardson will  
16 begin training for the Miss America competition in August.

17       **Section 4. 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/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

24 Office of General Counsel

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