

Introduced by Council Members Peluso, Lahnen, Carlucci, Salem, J. Carlucci, Johnson, White, Diamond, Pittman, Freeman and Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro, Arias, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland and Miller and amended on the Floor of Council:

RESOLUTION 2025-480-A

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LORI BOYER FOR HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, hailing from rural Eastern South Dakota, Lori Boyer made Jacksonville her home after graduating from Georgetown University and University of Florida Law School; and

WHEREAS, after a successful career in private practice focusing on land use and environmental law, and then leading a large real estate and management company, Ms. Boyer turned her eye towards public service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyer was elected to the Jacksonville City Council to represent District 5 in 2011, and she was re-elected in 2015; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the City Council, Ms. Boyer served on the Value Adjustment Board, Tourist Development Council, and five terms on the Finance Committee; she served as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, and as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Land Use and Zoning Committee twice; and

WHEREAS, as a Council Member, Ms. Boyer was known to dive deeply into any policy issue and served on a multitude of special committees; she was integral to the creation of the San Marco Overlay; she was the Chair of the Task Force on Consolidated Government and

1 the Context Sensitive Streets Special Committee, and she served on
2 the Special Committee on Public Service Grants, the Special Committee
3 on the CIP, and the Special Committee on the Future of JEA; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer displayed exemplary leadership among her
5 colleagues, was elected Council Vice President in 2015 and Council
6 President in 2016, and was honored with the Robert O. Johnson Good
7 Government Award, and twice with the Charles D. Webb Award; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer dedicates much of her personal time to
9 bettering our city, through service on the San Marco Preservation
10 Society, the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross, the Jacksonville Historical
11 Society, Wolfson's Children's Hospital and the Jacksonville Bar
12 Association; and

13 **WHEREAS,** after two terms on Council, Ms. Boyer was selected to
14 be the Downtown Investment Authority's Chief Executive Officer, where
15 she has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to revitalizing
16 downtown Jacksonville since 2019; and

17 **WHEREAS,** over the last five years, Downtown Jacksonville has
18 experienced more than 50 percent population increase; and with the
19 many apartment and townhome projects underway like the Johnson Commons
20 Townhomes and the Gateway Jax Development, the growth of this
21 community is only accelerating and will double our housing inventory,
22 creating demand for more businesses, services, and amenities; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Boyer's accomplishments include unprecedented
24 City investments in cultural and sports institutions, including the
25 Florida Theatre's renovation, the Museum of Science and History's new
26 facility, the Jacksonville Jaguars' ambitious "Stadium of the Future"
27 project, Lift Every Voice and Sing Park, the Riverwalk Expansion, and
28 the Emerald Trail; and

29 **WHEREAS,** Higher Educational facilities have relocated to, and
30 are planning future investments in, Downtown under Ms. Boyer's
31 leadership, including Jacksonville University's College of Law, and

the University of Florida's new graduate campus; and

WHEREAS, Lori Boyer has developed an encyclopedic knowledge of Jacksonville's laws and history, she maximizes every hour of every day, and she has earned a reputation as one who can find the right solution for any issue; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby commends Lori Boyer, upon her retirement, for her distinguished service to the City, and wishes her continued success. The City Council extends appreciation to Ms. Boyer for her leadership, for all she has done to invigorate Downtown, and to make the whole City of Jacksonville a better place.

Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. Emergency passage upon introduction of this Resolution is requested in order to convey commendation to Ms. Boyer prior to her retirement June 30, 2025.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

Office of General Counsel

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