

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller, Salem, Pittman, White, Amaro,
2 Carlucci, Johnson, Howland, Carrico and Arias:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-117-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING PETER
7 RACINE FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
8 JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
9 RETIREMENT AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
10 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS FOUNDATION; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** Peter Racine, a Connecticut native raised in New
14 Jersey, earned a bachelor's degree at Rutgers University and his
15 Master of Theological Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in
16 Chicago; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Racine began his long and varied career in social
18 services working for approximately 12 years with runaways, homeless
19 youth and urban street youth at Covenant House, starting in New York;
20 he and his wife, Kelly, then started Covenant House's programs for
21 street children in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and helped to start programs
22 in Toronto and Houston. Upon returning to the states, he was hired
23 to start the Northeast Florida Exchange Club Center for the Prevention
24 of Child Abuse, which served families in Jacksonville and Clay County;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS,** Peter Racine has been a partner in various national
27 and international initiatives, including the Community Partnership
28 for Protecting Children, the Early Childhood Violence Prevention
29 Project, Outreach to Urban Street Children, the Sports Philanthropy
30 Project, and Jacksonville's EPIC neighborhood revitalization
31 initiative; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Peter Racine and his wife established the Center for
2 Central American Empowerment, whose mission is to support, protect
3 and empower women and girls, strengthen families and promote male
4 responsibility, working the nations of Honduras, Guatemala and
5 Nicaragua; his outstanding work protecting and advocating for youth
6 was featured in media venues such as Dateline NBC and in Time
7 magazine; and

8 **WHEREAS,** in September 2000, Mr. Racine joined the Jacksonville
9 Jaguars Foundation (the "Foundation") as Director of Programs, became
10 Executive Director in 2001 and was promoted to President in 2011. As
11 the philanthropic arm of the Jacksonville Jaguars NFL franchise, the
12 Foundation provides grants and assistance to uplift the community by
13 providing economic and equal opportunity through programs that
14 strengthen our neighborhoods and develop our youth, building a better
15 Jacksonville together; and

16 **WHEREAS,** for more than 20 years Peter Racine has guided the
17 important work of the Foundation in making an investment of millions
18 of dollars in the future of Jacksonville, particularly in its youth,
19 and has helped to transform our community for the better; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Peter Racine fostered a partnership between the
21 Jaguars and the leadership of the Military Affairs and Veterans
22 Department to create the Jacksonville Veterans Resource and
23 Reintegration Center, which developed a model for wrap-around
24 services for veterans and military families in City Hall; and

25 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Racine has recently announced his retirement from
26 the Jaguars organization; his lifetime of work on behalf of the
27 disadvantaged, the vulnerable, and the community, as a whole, deserves
28 commendation; now therefore

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

30 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
31 Peter Racine for his many contributions to the Jacksonville community

1 on the occasion of his retirement as Senior Vice President of the
2 Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation, thanks him for his long career of
3 service to humankind and extends its best wishes for future health
4 and happiness in the next phase of his life.

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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