

1 Introduced by Council Members Arias, Lahnen, Miller, Howland, Salem,
2 Amaro and Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Freeman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-450-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DR. MICHAEL
7 GEORGE, PRINCIPAL OF ATLANTIC COAST HIGH SCHOOL,
8 ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECEIVING FLORIDA'S 2024
9 PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
10 LEADERSHIP FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Michael George began his career in education in
14 2005 as a social studies teacher and basketball coach at Martin Luther
15 King High School in Philadelphia, worked as a principal in New
16 Orleans, and has served as principal of Atlantic Coast High School
17 for the past three years; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Atlantic Coast High School has flourished under Dr.
19 George's leadership, achieving a graduation rate of 95.3% and A-grade
20 in 2023; and

21 **WHEREAS,** in an effort to create access to avenues for academic
22 success for all students, Atlantic Coast High School under Dr.
23 George's leadership has opened Advanced Placement classes to all
24 ninth graders and has put systems in place to make sure they are
25 successful; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Superintendent Dana Kriznar has referred to Dr.
27 George as a "true servant leader"; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the Florida Department of Education named Dr. George
29 as the recipient for the Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding
30 Leadership for 2024, citing accomplishments such as founding a
31 first-in-state medical pathway partnership with Mayo Clinic that

1 created two new career and technical education programs; spearheading
2 a partnership with the University of North Florida with the goal of
3 inspiring students to pursue a career in education; and launching an
4 in-school program named "We Lead" that offers monthly sessions for
5 teachers seeking leadership opportunities; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Dr. Michael
8 George on his receipt of the 2024 Principal Achievement Award for
9 Outstanding Leadership for the State of Florida and commends both Dr.
10 George and Atlantic Coast High School on their efforts culminating
11 in Dr. George's receipt of this award. Dr. George's servant leadership
12 stands as an example to the rest of the school district and to the
13 state, and the City Council expresses its support for the continued
14 success of Atlantic Coast High School and of all Duval County Public
15 Schools.

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Eamon Webb, City Council Research

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