

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-280**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE
6 JOSHUA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY,
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Joshua Christian Academy was founded by Pastors
10 Frederic and Gloria Pinkney, and this educational service opened in
11 August 1996 with six students and nine employees. In the beginning
12 the school had a program which covered nursery through pre-
13 kindergarten. In the next phases of the academy's development there
14 was the inclusion of grade school and an upper school; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Joshua Christian Academy has an enrollment of over
16 300 students and is continuing to grow its academy. The mission of
17 Joshua Christian Academy is to educate students with a blend of
18 academic excellence and distinct Christian values; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Joshua Christian Academy football program focuses
20 on complete youth athletic development. The team is led by outstanding
21 coaches, and the football program is ideal for students of all
22 abilities, skill levels, and provides goal-oriented positions. Joshua
23 Christian Academy also offers cheerleading which can be found on the
24 sidelines of football and basketball teams games as well as in the
25 winter they compete in competitive cheerleading at the regional and
26 state level; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Joshua Christian Academy also has a summer camp
28 that helps to continue the education of its students through the
29 summer months. The activities include, reading, math, science,
30 swimming lessons, weekly cooking classes, arts and crafts, community
31 service, music, and experience trips; and

1 **WHEREAS,** the Joshua Christian Academy has partnered with
2 Jacksonville University and Florida State College of Jacksonville to
3 offer dual enrollment to College courses for high school students who
4 are able to graduate with an Associate of Arts degree. The Joshua
5 Christian Academy has graduated students who have attended various
6 colleges with over \$800,000 in scholarships; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
9 congratulates Joshua Christian Academy on its 25th Anniversary.

10 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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