

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro & Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
2 Salem, Bowman, Becton, Freeman, DeFoor, Morgan, Carlucci, Cumber,  
3 Dennis, Diamond, Pittman, Boylan, Carrico, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson,  
4 Newby, and White and amended on the Floor of Council:  
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7 **RESOLUTION 2021-797-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
9 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOEL RAYMOND "RAY" MOORE  
10 AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND  
11 FRIENDS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON  
12 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Joel Raymond "Ray" Moore, a Jacksonville native and the  
15 son of a long-time Jacksonville firefighter, graduated from Andrew  
16 Jackson High School and, following college, returned to the school  
17 as a teacher and coach; and

18 **WHEREAS**, following his teaching career, Mr. Moore was for many  
19 years a successful State Farm insurance agent; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Ray Moore is best known to the general public as the  
21 "father of the Veterans Memorial Wall" for his initiation and  
22 leadership of the project to finance and construct a memorial to all  
23 the Jacksonville citizens who gave their life in military service to  
24 the country; and

25 **WHEREAS**, during his time as a student at Andrew Jackson High  
26 School, Mr. Moore became interested in a hand-lettered calligraphy  
27 certificate displaying the names of Andrew Jackson students who had  
28 died in World War II, given by the Class of 1947. He later found that  
29 the certificate had become water-damaged and had been removed for  
30 storage, and that planted the seed for his desire to appropriately  
31 memorialize veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in a more

1 permanent and prominent way; and

2       **WHEREAS,** in the 1990s Ray Moore spent countless hours  
3 researching and collecting the names of more than 1,700 service men  
4 and women who died in the line of duty from every Duval County high  
5 school, and yet more countless hours raising funds and mobilizing  
6 support for the construction of a wall inscribed with the names of  
7 all those to be honored for their sacrifices. The wall was dedicated  
8 in 1995 and ever since has been the focal point of the community's  
9 ceremonies honoring those brave men and women; and

10       **WHEREAS,** the Council was saddened to hear of the recent passing  
11 of Ray Moore, who has done so much for our community; now therefore

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

13       **Section 1.** The City hereby honors and commemorates the life and  
14 accomplishments of Joel Raymond "Ray" Moore and extends to his family,  
15 friends, and many admirers the City Council's sincere condolences on  
16 his passing. Ray Moore's dedication to a noble cause has left the  
17 community he loved with an indelible memorial both to the honor of  
18 the men and women who gave their lives for their country and to Mr.  
19 Moore himself.

20       **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction 15**  
21 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction  
22 of this Resolution is requested to convey the community's sympathy  
23 to Mr. Moore's family in a timely manner.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3  /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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