

1 Introduced by Council Members Amaro, Johnson, Pittman, Salem,  
2 Howland, Freeman, Miller, J. Carlucci, Peluso, Diamond, and Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-519**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING OFFICER  
7 WILLIE PERRY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS DECADES  
8 OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND  
9 STUDENTS OF JACKSONVILLE THROUGH HIS WORK WITH  
10 THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DUVAL  
11 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Officer Willie Perry has devoted 46 years of  
15 distinguished public service to the residents of Jacksonville through  
16 his commitment to public safety, youth development, and community  
17 engagement, serving for 31 years with the Jacksonville Sheriff's  
18 Office and 15 years as a school resource officer with Duval County  
19 Public Schools; and

20 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Jacksonville Sheriff's  
21 Office, Officer Perry demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and  
22 unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of  
23 Jacksonville; and

24 **WHEREAS**, as one of the first school resource officers in  
25 Jacksonville, Officer Perry has spent the past 15 years serving  
26 countless students, families, and educators by creating safe and  
27 supportive learning environments and ensuring that all students feel  
28 seen and worthy; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Officer Perry describes his work not as a job, but as  
30 a joyful journey, and his desire to spark joy within students defines  
31 his service and will leave an indelible mark on the countless lives

1 he has touched; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Officer Perry's legacy of service, compassion, and  
3 uplifting the students of Duval County has been memorialized in a  
4 children's book, *The Legend on the Sidewalk*, authored by Parkwood  
5 Heights Elementary School's reading interventionist, Amy Clark, who  
6 saw firsthand Officer Perry's care and commitment to empowering  
7 students and educators; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Officer Perry's leadership, compassion, and years of  
9 service have strengthened the relationships between law enforcement,  
10 schools, and neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that public servants such  
12 as Willie Perry embody the highest ideals of civic duty and  
13 stewardship, leaving a legacy of service that uplifts present and  
14 future generations and honors him for his contributions and faithful  
15 service to the City of Jacksonville; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
18 Officer Willie Perry for his decades of exemplary service with the  
19 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Duval County Public Schools and  
20 extends sincere appreciation for his dedication to the citizens,  
21 students, and families of Jacksonville.

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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