

1 Introduced by Council Members Lahnen, Johnson, Amaro, Howland, J.  
2 Carlucci, Gay, Miller, Pittman, Salem and Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-234**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
7 PROVIDENCE SCHOOL STALLIONS VARSITY BOYS'  
8 BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2026 FHSAA CLASS  
9 2A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING  
10 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Providence School Stallions Varsity Boys'  
13 Basketball team finished its 2025-26 season with a record of 29-3,  
14 17 consecutive victories, and a District 3 championship; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Stallions, led by Coach Jim Martin, dominated the  
16 regional playoffs with 33-, 55-, and 27-point victories over Bishop  
17 Snyder, Rocky Bayou Christian, and The First Academy before defeating  
18 Northside Christian 59-43 in the state semifinals to reach the Class  
19 2A state championship game; and

20 **WHEREAS**, junior forward Nolan Nelson led the Stallions with a  
21 dominant double-double performance of 18 points and 13 rebounds,  
22 junior guard Ryan Gornto added 14 points, including two critical  
23 three-pointers in the fourth quarter, and senior guard Marvin Christie  
24 made an inspirational return from injury to contribute to the  
25 championship run; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Stallions overcame a hard-fought defensive battle  
27 to defeat Miami Country Day 51-43 and claimed the 2026 FHSAA Class  
28 2A State Championship in front of a hometown crowd at the University  
29 of North Florida, becoming the first Jacksonville team to win a boys'  
30 basketball state title in its own city; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the victory ended a decade-long championship drought

1 for Northeast Florida boys' basketball, as no team from Duval, Nassau,  
2 or St. Johns counties had won a boys' basketball state title since  
3 Bolles in 2016; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the championship marks another chapter in the  
5 remarkable legacy of longtime head coach Jim Martin, whose fourth  
6 state title, more than 25 years of coaching, and more than 600 career  
7 victories have established him as one of the most accomplished high  
8 school basketball coaches in Florida history; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The Jacksonville City Council hereby honors and  
11 commends the Providence School Stallions Varsity Boys' Basketball  
12 team on winning the 2026 FHSSA Class 2A Boys Basketball State  
13 Championship, and extends to the players, coaches, family, friends  
14 and boosters of the Providence School the City's best wishes for  
15 future academic and athletic success in the years to come.

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: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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