

1 Introduced by Council Members White, Freeman, Salem, J. Carlucci,  
2 Pittman, Amaro, Gay, Miller and Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-520**

6 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ST. JOHNS  
7 COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SPARTANS BASEBALL TEAM ON  
8 WINNING THE 2026 FHSAA CLASS 1A STATE  
9 CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, the St. Johns Country Day School Spartans finished the  
12 2026 season with a 26-8 record and completed a dominant playoff run,  
13 shutting out every opponent through the regional quarterfinals,  
14 regional semifinals, regional finals, and state semifinals before  
15 defeating Orangewood Christian in the state championship; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2026, the Spartans defeated Orangewood  
17 Christian 6-2 at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers to win the Florida  
18 High School Athletic Association Class 1A State Baseball  
19 Championship, the program's second state title in three years under  
20 head coach Tom Lucas; and

21 **WHEREAS**, senior pitcher Brayden Harris delivered an outstanding  
22 complete-game performance, striking out 10 batters and allowing just  
23 four hits on 105 pitches while pitching on only one day of rest, and  
24 contributed at the plate with two hits, including a double and a go-  
25 ahead RBI single; and

26 **WHEREAS**, senior pitcher Brayden Harris concluded his season with  
27 a 12-2 record, a 1.07 ERA, 165 strikeouts, and only 19 walks in 85  
28 innings pitched, while also batting .400, and finished his career  
29 with 526 strikeouts, surpassing the high school career total of MLB  
30 strikeout king Nolan Ryan; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Spartans' championship victory was a complete team

1 effort, with senior catcher Hunter Rodgers collecting three hits in  
2 the championship game and batting .390 on the season, along with key  
3 contributions from Preston Cole (.340), Madden Williams (.337), and  
4 pitcher Gavin Coffey, who posted a 5-2 record with a 1.47 ERA and six  
5 saves; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby congratulates the St.  
8 Johns Country Day School Spartans baseball team on winning the 2026  
9 FHSAA Class 1A State Championship and recognizes the program's  
10 sustained excellence, including five state championship game  
11 appearances in six years.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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