

1 Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
2 Diamond, Pittman, Howland, Becton & Morgan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-599-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ROBIN  
7 PATRICE SUMMERS-MURRAY ON HER LONG AND DEDICATED  
8 CAREER AS A DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER;  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Robin Patrice Summers-Murray, a Jacksonville native,  
12 graduated from Andrew Jackson High School, earned an associate's  
13 degree in elementary education from Florida Community College at  
14 Jacksonville and took her bachelor's degree in elementary and special  
15 education from Edward Waters College; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Summers-Murray began her career with Duval County  
17 Public Schools in 1984 as a paraprofessional at R.L. Brown 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
18 Center for five years and then moved to Cedar Hills Elementary School  
19 where she taught special education and varying exceptionalities from  
20 1990 to 2016. After 26 years at Cedar Hills, she transferred to Hyde  
21 Grove Elementary where she taught until her retirement in June of  
22 2022; and

23 **WHEREAS**, education was a love of Robin Summers-Murray from a  
24 very young age and teaching was always her career goal. Realizing the  
25 challenges faced by students with special needs, she learned the  
26 skills and earned the certification to make that her specialty and  
27 thereafter spent her career focusing on students with learning  
28 disabilities. She demonstrated daily her belief that every student  
29 deserves respect and preparation for adulthood in a world that may  
30 not understand their disability; and

31 **WHEREAS**, her teaching and mentorship of special needs students

1 extended beyond the classroom setting. For several years she actively  
2 coached her school's Special Olympics teams and oversaw recruitment  
3 and training of volunteers for special education events. She developed  
4 tailored lesson plans to match each student's particular needs, and  
5 she also provided food and clothing to children facing difficult  
6 circumstances to ensure their ability to be fully prepared to learn  
7 in school; and

8 **WHEREAS**, after a teaching career spanning nearly four decades  
9 that merits commendation, Robin Summers-Murray has taken a well-  
10 deserved retirement; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
13 Robin Patrice Summers-Murray on her long and dedicated career as a  
14 special education teacher for Duval County Public Schools and thanks  
15 her for her invaluable service to Jacksonville's youth. Her dedication  
16 to those of our children with learning disabilities and special needs  
17 is particularly commendable and heartwarming. The City Council  
18 extends its congratulations and best wishes for many years of health  
19 and happiness in her retirement.

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

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24 Form Approved:

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26           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

27 Office of General Counsel

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