

1 Introduced by Council President Bowman & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Gulliford, Hazouri, Newby, Love, Boyer, R.
3 Gaffney, Brosche, Morgan, Crescimbeni, Wilson, Ferraro, Anderson,
4 Dennis and Schellenberg:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2019-423-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ALL THOSE
9 FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, MEDICAL
10 PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHERS WHO SPRANG INTO
11 ACTION AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE IN RESPONSE TO A
12 RECENT AIRLINER ACCIDENT AT NAVAL AIR STATION
13 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, on the evening of May 3, 2019, a Miami Air
16 International jetliner chartered to ferry military personnel and
17 civilians from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to Naval Air Station
18 Jacksonville slid off the end of the runway while landing in stormy
19 weather and came to rest in 4 to 6 feet of water in the St. Johns
20 River; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the 136 passengers and 7 crew members aboard the
22 flight, some with minor injuries from the crash, exited the
23 airplane safely and were ferried to shore by Jacksonville Fire and
24 Rescue Department and U.S. Navy personnel, and 22 were transported
25 to hospitals for evaluation and treatment of their injuries; and

26 **WHEREAS**, while some of the passengers whose final destination
27 was Jacksonville were picked up by family and friends, more than 50
28 others who were bound for other destinations were housed for the
29 night at the NAS Jacksonville hospital and at a youth activity
30 center on the base and made comfortable with clothing, bedding and
31 food provided by the American Red Cross until they could make other

1 travel arrangements and continue their journeys over the weekend;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the accident generated an immediate and effective
4 response from hundreds of emergency first responders, ambulance and
5 hospital personnel, military personnel, and others, all of whom
6 deserve to be thanked and commended for their quick response and
7 selfless service in a time of emergency; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
10 commends the hundreds of people who responded instantly and
11 assisted in many ways large and small with the rescue and
12 subsequent care of passengers from a chartered airliner that
13 skidded off the end of a runway at Naval Air Station Jacksonville
14 and came to rest in shallow water in the St. Johns River, and with
15 the subsequent environmental clean-up and recovery of the aircraft.
16 The City extends its deepest gratitude to all of the following for
17 their assistance:

- 18 • United States Navy
- 19 • United States Coast Guard
- 20 • Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
- 21 • Clay County Sheriff's Office
- 22 • Florida Highway Patrol
- 23 • U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
- 24 • Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department
- 25 • Duval County Emergency Operations Center
- 26 • Baptist Medical Center
- 27 • UF Health Jacksonville
- 28 • Memorial Hospital Jacksonville
- 29 • Orange Park Medical Center
- 30 • Naval Hospital Jacksonville
- 31 • Century Ambulance Company

- 1 • Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- 2 • Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 3 • Salvation Army
- 4 • American Red Cross
- 5 • Firehouse Subs
- 6 • Greyhound Bus Lines
- 7 • Moran Environmental Recovery
- 8 • Global Diving and Salvage
- 9 • Jacksonville Spillage Association
- 10 • Mobro Marine
- 11 • Reynolds Industrial Park
- 12 • Paw Prints Pet Crematory

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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