

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Becton, Bowman, Morgan, Newby, DeFoor, Pittman, Carlucci,
3 Dennis, Boylan, Priestly Jackson, and Gaffney:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-129-A**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 125TH FIGHTER WING
8 OF THE FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD FOR THEIR
9 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND SUPPORT DURING THE
10 COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, the 125th Fighter Wing is a unit within the Florida
14 Air National Guard. The Air National Guard's mission is to maintain
15 well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization
16 during times of war and to provide assistance during national
17 emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. During peacetime, the
18 combat-ready units and support units are assigned to most U.S. Air
19 Force major commands to carry out missions compatible with
20 training, mobilization readiness, humanitarian and contingency
21 operations. The 125th are stationed at the Jacksonville Air National
22 Guard Base at Jacksonville International Airport; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the 125th Fighter Wing's specific mission is to
24 provide air defense for the southeastern United States from
25 Charleston, South Carolina to the southern tip of Florida and
26 across the Florida panhandle. However, during the COVID-19
27 pandemic, the men and women of the 125th provided their services on
28 the ground by giving much needed frontline support at dozens of
29 COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites across the state of Florida;
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31 **WHEREAS**, in Jacksonville, the 125th Fighter Wing were

1 instrumental in the COVID-19 response efforts at the Regency Square
2 Mall testing/vaccination site by providing sixty airmen to assist
3 in the vaccination efforts. There are currently 100 members of the
4 125th Fighter Wing activated to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic
5 response efforts. In total, there have been 581 personnel
6 activations during the pandemic response. In addition to the
7 Regency Square Mall location, the 125th have provided support at
8 multiple locations, including the Jacksonville International
9 Airport, Orlando International Airport, the Orange County
10 Convention Center, and many more across the state; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the 125th
13 Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard for their
14 outstanding service and support during the COVID-19 pandemic
15 response. Their training and experience have proved invaluable in
16 helping state, county, and city officials to deal with the
17 unprecedented challenges to public health and safety posed by the
18 COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Anthony J. Baltiero, City Council Research

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