

1 Introduced by Council Members Diamond and White and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Salem, Pittman and Johnson:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-112-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
7 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FORMER CITY COUNCIL
8 MEMBER FORREST FINCH BOONE AND EXTENDING
9 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS
10 PASSING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS,** Forrest Finch Boone, a native of Miami, was educated
13 at Miami Country Day School, Coral Gables High School and The Hill
14 School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania before earning his bachelor's
15 degree in criminology and religion at Florida State University, where
16 he met his wife Barbara and together they made their home in Neptune
17 Beach; and

18 **WHEREAS,** after graduation, Mr. Boone joined the Jacksonville
19 Sheriff's Office as a correctional officer specializing in crisis
20 intervention before being encouraged by friends to run for and win a
21 seat on the City Council in 1979 representing the Beaches and East
22 Arlington (then District 1) and subsequently was reelected in 1983
23 to a renumbered District 3 also representing the Beaches; and

24 **WHEREAS,** during his tenure on the City Council, Forrest Boone
25 was proud to pursue policies advocating for smart growth strategies
26 and to secure funding for needed projects in his district, most
27 notably the construction of the Beaches Branch Library in Neptune
28 Beach; and

29 **WHEREAS,** while on the City Council, Mr. Boone served as a
30 member on several of the Standing Committees, was appointed to the
31 Duval County Tourist Development Council, the Jacksonville Waterways

1 Commission and the North Florida Transportation Planning
2 Organization, chaired the Council's Jail Task Force that selected the
3 site for the current John Goode Pre-Trial Detention Center, co-
4 sponsored a resolution calling on the City to relocate the City Hall,
5 Duval County Courthouse and jail from the riverfront so the land
6 could be redeveloped for better uses and also served terms as the
7 Council's Chaplain and Floor Leader; and

8 **WHEREAS,** following his City Council service, Forrest Boone
9 moved to Tallahassee for a career in mortgage banking, real estate
10 development and the establishment of a non-profit housing foundation
11 that combined available governmental resources to enable
12 homeownership for hundreds of working families; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Boone was a devoted family man, a skilled
14 outdoorsman, a committed bible study leader and vestryman of St.
15 Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee, and a storyteller both in
16 person and in print. He lived a long and fulfilling life and was
17 deeply loved by his family and friends; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
20 the life and accomplishments of former City Council Member Forrest
21 Finch Boone, particularly his service to the Council and the citizens
22 of Jacksonville during his elective service. The Council extends its
23 sincere condolences on his passing to Mr. Boone's family, friends and
24 admirers.

25 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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