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RESOLUTION 2025-294

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JEA LINEWORKERS FOR EARNING TOP HONORS AT THE 2025 NATIONAL LINEWORKERS RODEO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the American Public Power Association's 23rd Annual Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo was held March 28-29, 2025, in Roseville, California; and

WHEREAS, the annual event brings electric lineworkers from across the country together to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in the field of line work, and this year 52 utilities fielded competitors from community-owned electric utilities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo includes competitions to change out cables, disconnect power lines, replace arrestors and insulators, and complete a simulation of rescuing an injured lineworker; these events are judged based on safety, work practices, neatness, ability, equipment handling, and timely event completion; and

WHEREAS, JEA apprentice Ryan Kornegay won first place in the Apprentice category, first place in Sidewalk Installation, and second place in Lightning Arrester Jumper Replacement; apprentice Noah Sapp won first place in Lightning Replacement, second place in Sidewalk Arrester Jumper Installation, and second place in the Obstacle Course events; and apprentice Hunter Thomas received third place in the Hurtman Rescue event; and

WHEREAS, the journeyman team of David Hicken, Caleb Macabitas

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and Cody Stokes placed second place in the Overall Journeyman Team category, third place in the Double Dead End Bell Change Out, and third place in the Hurtman Rescue events; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby commends the JEA Lineworkers who participated in the American Public Power Association's 23rd annual Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo. Jacksonville City Council applauds the exceptional expertise and skills exhibited by the JEA journeymen and apprentices during the competition, and for their daily commitment to safety on the job and providing quality service to our City.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

Office of General Counsel

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