

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-132**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
6 AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF RENOWNED RIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL  
7 BAND DIRECTOR CLIFFORD M. BUGGS, SR.; PROVIDING  
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Clifford Buggs, Sr., a Jacksonville native, graduated  
11 from Old Stanton High School in 1955 and from Florida A&M University  
12 with a degree in music in 1959; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Buggs joined the U.S. Army and played in the Army  
14 Band for several years before taking a job, recommended to him by  
15 Kerna McFarlin, his band director at Stanton, as band director at a  
16 school in Waycross, Georgia in 1962. When he retired as the band  
17 director at Stanton in 1967, Mr. McFarlin selected Mr. Buggs to return  
18 to his alma mater and take over the band; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Clifford Buggs took over the Stanton Band in the midst  
20 of the school desegregation movement in Jacksonville, and the opening  
21 of new schools and the redistricting of students from one school to  
22 another made continuity in bands difficult, but the Stanton band  
23 survived and thrived under Mr. Buggs' leadership. In 1972 he moved  
24 to Ribault High School as the band director where he led the Trojans  
25 Marching Band for the next 34 years with great distinction until his  
26 retirement in 2006; and

27 **WHEREAS**, during his more than four decades as a band director,  
28 Mr. Buggs influenced thousands of young people through his high  
29 standards for musicianship, academics and behavior, imparting old-  
30 school values that have stood the test of time and helped his students  
31 become successful, creative, productive citizens and leaders; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 2004 Clifford Buggs was recognized for his decades  
2 of outstanding work and mentorship by the University of North Florida  
3 by being named a recipient of the university's Gladys Prior Award for  
4 Career Teaching Excellence, a well-deserved honor; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent  
6 passing of Mr. Buggs, who contributed so much to Jacksonville's young  
7 people. Mr. Buggs is survived by his wife, Mrs. Miriam Buggs, his  
8 daughter, Ms. Lena Buggs, his son, Mr. Terrance Buggs, his  
9 grandchildren, his family and friends and many devoted former  
10 students; now therefore

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

12           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
13 the life and accomplishments of Clifford M. Buggs, Sr., the renowned  
14 director of the Ribault High School Trojans Marching Band, for his  
15 decades of service to the Duval County Public Schools and to the  
16 students who benefitted so greatly from his influence. The City  
17 extends sincere condolences to Mr. Buggs' family, friends, and many  
18 admirers.

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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24 Form Approved:

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26                     /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

27 Office of General Counsel

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