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Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Becton, Salem, Morgan, Carrico, DeFoor, White, Cumber, Bowman, Priestly Jackson, Newby, Pittman & Freeman:

RESOLUTION 2022-125-A

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING STEPHANIE BURCH FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Stephanie Burch earned a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University in 1999 and a Juris Doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2005. Before she came to work for the City of Jacksonville, Ms. Burch practiced real estate law for several years in the private sector, served as Special Counsel for the Florida Department of Transportation, and was an adjunct professor at Florida Coastal School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Burch began her career with the City of Jacksonville in March of 2016 as the Chief of Real Estate. Within months, she was swiftly elevated to be the Director of Neighborhoods Department where she managed Housing and Community Development, Municipal Code Compliance, Environmental Quality, Animal Care and Protective Services, Mosquito Control, Neighborhood Services, 630-City and Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, during Stephanie Burch's tenure with the City, she developed and implemented programs and services to distribute tens of millions of dollars in federal funding to citizens and businesses during the pandemic. Ms. Burch also worked to increase affordable housing opportunities and access points for those in need of shelter and services in our community.

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, Stephanie Burch was promoted to be

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. She proved herself to be an invaluable leader, under difficult and unprecedented pandemic related circumstances, and she has lent her experience, knowledge, and expertise to the efforts to achieve the vision for the future of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, for six years Ms. Burch has been an asset to the City of Jacksonville in every position she filled, and she has been an exemplary employee and valued member of the administration; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby commends Stephanie Burch for her years of service to the City of Jacksonville. Jacksonville City Council appreciates Ms. Burch for all she has done to make our community a better place and wishes her the best in all her future endeavors.

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

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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