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RESOLUTION 2022-226

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE FORT CAROLINE ESTATES SOUTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION TOWN CENTER INITIATIVE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARLINGTON COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Rogero Road Town Center is the commercial corridor along Rogero Road, from Arlington Road north to Fort Caroline Road. Michael McQuade, Renate Peraino Stern, John Michael Slough, Murray "Lad" Hawkins, Elizabeth Dunn Killough, and Roberta Sue Thomas tirelessly dedicated many years of service in the effort to beautify the landscape and revitalize the Rogero Road Corridor in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, this group of civic leaders held numerous public meetings to garner support and suggestions from Arlington residents, and they secured grant funding for various improvement projects in an older neighborhood that was becoming blighted; and

WHEREAS, this was a community initiative that began in 2002 and encountered obstacles along the way, but the members of the Fort Caroline Club Estates South Civic Association never gave up on their mission. With a modest budget and boundless determination, this group of homeowners and civic activists managed to achieve their goal in 2021 with the revitalization of 2.3 miles of Rogero Road and the completion of the Rogero Road and Arlington Road Roundabout;

WHEREAS, aesthetic updates can transform the spirit of a neighborhood and restore economic vitality, and this implemented the infrastructure enhancements that the community said

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they wanted. Their efforts led to the installation of new pavers, landscaped medians, newly planted palm trees, decorative paver intersections, crosswalks, 2 miles of historic themed lamps and a roundabout; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the Fort Caroline Club Estates South Civic Association Town Center Initiative, particularly members Michael McQuade, Renate Peraino Stern, John Michael Slough, Murray "Lad" Hawkins, Elizabeth Dunn Killough, and Roberta Sue Thomas for their service and all their years of work to improve and beautify Arlington, Rogero Road and 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/ Paige H. Johnston

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