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Introduced by Council Members Boylan and Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Salem, Becton, Morgan, Bowman, Diamond & DeFoor:

RESOLUTION 2022-224-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF DR. WILLIAM P. BOSWORTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, William Posey Bosworth was born on March 23, 1935, a Jacksonville native and resident of the Northside. He graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and went on to attend the University of Tampa, Springfield College, Orlando Junior College and the University of Health Sciences for his Osteopathic Medical Degree in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, William Bosworth was husband to Wanda, father to Lynne and grandfather to Sarah. He joined the Navy after medical school and was stationed at Naval Station Mayport, and retired as Captain, Medical Corps in 1999 but continued to serve in the US Navy Reserve until 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 after his active Navy duty ended Dr. Bosworth opened his medical practice in Jacksonville, where he would treat patients for the next 45 years. Dr. Bosworth received numerous professional awards and recognitions during his medical career, including the General Practitioner of the Year, Physician Recognition Award, Distinguished Physician Award, Art of Medicine Award, and the Community Service Award from the Duval County Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bosworth was a lifetime member of the Duval County Medical Society, the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; and

WHEREAS, William Bosworth was very active with civic groups and government boards, such as the Jacksonville Sports and Entertainment Commission, the Duval County Hospital Authority, the Duval County School Board, the Rotary Club International, the Mandarin Rotary Club, the Mandarin Community Club, the Camp Fire Girls Board and the Duval County Coalition Against Tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bosworth was an athlete who attended college with a basketball scholarship. He was on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports, the National A.A.U. of USA Florida President, Executive Director USA Junior Olympic Games and of the Hall of Fame/Masters Basketball USA. William Bosworth was President and a lifetime member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, and the American Legion Florida Post 223; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bosworth was an active member of the Mandarin Presbyterian Church, and an asset to the Jacksonville community who dedicated his time to helping, healing, and serving others. His lifetime of community engagement made our city a better place; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the life and mourns the passing of Dr. William Bosworth. Jacksonville City Council recognizes all that he did for the people of Jacksonville and extends condolences to his family, friends, patients and neighbors.

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