

1 Introduced by Council Members Gaffney and Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-381**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING CLARK
6 VARGAS FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE
7 JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
8 DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Clark Vargas graduated from Jacksonville's Englewood
11 High School, served several years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer,
12 and earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and his master's
13 degree in Hydraulics and Environmental Engineering from the
14 University of Florida; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vargas held positions with two local engineering
16 firms before founding C. Vargas & Associates, Ltd. Engineers in 1977.
17 One of Jacksonville's leading civil engineering firms, C. Vargas &
18 Associates has performed a wide variety of engineering work for
19 clients in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida, as well as nationally;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, Clark Vargas is an expert marksman and long-time
22 competitive shooter at the national and international level. He
23 competed in the trials for a spot on the U.S. Olympic pistol team in
24 1990 and is Past President and a life member of the Florida Sport
25 Shooting Association, an Endowment Member of the National Rifle
26 Association of America, a Life Member of the United States Practical
27 Shooting Association, a Life Member and past Territorial Governor of
28 the Single Action Shooting Society, and a Past Vice President of the
29 First Coast Sports Shooting Association; and

30 **WHEREAS**, combining his life-long interest in competitive
31 shooting with his engineering skill, Mr. Vargas is recognized as one

1 of the world's preeminent experts in the design of indoor and outdoor
2 shooting ranges, and his firm has designed more than 1,000 new or
3 rehabilitated ranges for a mix of municipal, military and private
4 clients around the world; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his business interests, Mr. Vargas has
6 given of his time and talent in service to the community. He served
7 for 10 years on Jacksonville's Environmental Protection Board, is a
8 Past President of the Rotary Club of Southpoint, was a Founding Member
9 in 1992 of The Hispanic American Business Association (which later
10 became the First Coast Chamber of Commerce), and is a founding member
11 and Past President of the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,
12 which bestowed on him its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019; now
13 therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
16 Clark Vargas for his decades of service to the Jacksonville community
17 both through his successful engineering business and his active civic
18 involvement. Mr. Vargas exemplifies civic activism for the betterment
19 of the community and the City expresses its thanks for his many
20 invaluable contributions.

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

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26 Form Approved:

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/s/ Paige H. Johnston

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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