

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-625**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MELVA
6 JACKSON ON HER DECADES OF CIVIC ACTIVISM ON
7 BEHALF OF THE SPANISH POINT COMMUNITY;
8 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Melva Jackson, a native of Marietta, Georgia, moved to
12 Jacksonville as a child. She graduated from the John Gorrie School
13 and Lee and Jones Business College and worked at Camp Blanding during
14 World War II; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Jackson, a bookkeeper by profession, has been an
16 active and involved resident of the Spanish Point neighborhood in
17 East Arlington for many decades, and is fondly known as the "First
18 Lady of Spanish Point"; and

19 **WHEREAS**, for 35 years Melva Jackson served as the treasurer for
20 her neighborhood association, collecting voluntary contributions from
21 Spanish Point residents and arranging for the mowing, irrigation,
22 lighting, and pest control necessary to keep the neighborhood's main
23 entrance in top notch condition and a great source of pride for its
24 residents; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Jackson, who has outlived several of her fellow
26 active participants in the civic association, recently turned over
27 her duties to a new generation of officers in order to enjoy a well-
28 deserved retirement; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Melva Jackson is a shining example of a caring,
30 contributing citizen, selflessly devoting time and effort on a
31 voluntary basis to improve and maintain her neighborhood for the

benefit of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, this sort of civic pride and activism is deserving of recognition and praise; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby honors and commends Melva Jackson, the "First Lady of Spanish Point", for her decades of service to her neighborhood and to the city. Her brand of civic pride and activism is the bedrock of successful communities and is greatly appreciated by all who have benefited from her efforts over the course of many, many years. The Council extends its congratulations for all her selfless service to others.

Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901. Emergency passage upon introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is due to the age and declining health of the honoree.

Section 3. 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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