

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci and DeFoor:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-692**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING TED PAPPAS FOR HIS  
6 NUMEROUS ARCHITECTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
7 DECADES OF SERVICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville native Ted Phillip Pappas was born on  
10 March 3, 1934, the son of Phillip and Fifika George Pappas; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ted married the love of his life Mary Lee Bone on July  
12 14, 1962, and together they raised three children, Mary Katherine,  
13 Christina Lynn, Mark Phillip who have blessed them with five  
14 grandchildren; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ted Pappas grew up in the North Riverside neighborhood,  
16 and attended John Gorrie Junior High and Robert E. Lee High School;  
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18 **WHEREAS**, he earned a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of  
19 Architecture from Clemson University, and then served for two years  
20 in the United States Army before returning to Jacksonville to start  
21 his architectural career; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Ted Pappas's first solo commission was the St. John the  
23 Divine Greek Orthodox Church in 1968 when it was originally  
24 constructed on Atlantic Boulevard; he later went on to design and  
25 build various institutional, commercial, governmental, and  
26 residential projects in Northeast Florida, and helped to preserve  
27 some of our city's most endangered historic structures; and

28 **WHEREAS**, over the course of the past six decades, Ted Pappas  
29 designed or restored more than 40 buildings throughout Jacksonville.  
30 His projects include the Mary Singleton Senior Center, the Tree Hill  
31 Nature Center, the Beaches and Webb Wesconnett Libraries, old Duval

1 High School, the Seminole Club, Old St. Andrews Episcopal Church, the  
2 Bedell Law Firm (formerly the Jacksonville Public Library), the Friday  
3 Musicale Building on the edge of Riverside, and historic renovations  
4 of Epping Forest and The Bolles School; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ted Pappas is well recognized as a stellar member of  
6 the architectural community, and is a former president of the National  
7 American Institute of Architects, former chancellor of the American  
8 Institute of Architects (AIA) College of Fellows, former chair of the  
9 National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB), former president of  
10 AIA Florida and its Jacksonville Chapter, and a former trustee of the  
11 Florida Foundation of Architecture; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ted Pappas has long been an advocate for the city of  
13 Jacksonville, public parks, and the St. Johns River. He served as  
14 president of Greenscape, the Meninak Club and Riverside Fine Arts  
15 Association, and as chair of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation  
16 Commission, the Jacksonville Chapter of March of Dimes, and the Urban  
17 League; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pappas is a member of OneJax and Leadership  
19 Jacksonville and has been honored with the Order of the South by the  
20 Southern Academy of Letters, Arts & Sciences; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ted Pappas' career is ongoing, working each week from  
22 his office in LaVilla. His life and projects are the focus of the  
23 book, "Box Broken Open: The Architecture of Ted Pappas", by Tim  
24 Gilmore and he will be the only local living architect included in  
25 the upcoming edition of "Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage" by  
26 Wayne Wood; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends and  
29 thanks Ted Pappas for his contributions to our city's landscape,  
30 through historic restoration and new building construction.  
31 Jacksonville City Council appreciates all that Ted Pappas has done,

1 and for all he continues to do to make Jacksonville a better place  
2 to live.

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

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7 Form Approved:

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9                 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By:   Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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