

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-66**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE  
6 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HARRY FRISCH AND  
7 EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
8 AND MANY ADMIRERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
9 DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, Hans "Harry" Frisch was born in Vienna, Austria in  
12 1923, fled the incoming Nazi regime with his family in 1928 through  
13 Czechoslovakia to Palestine and, after running a successful auto  
14 repair shop in the new nation of Israel, immigrated to the United  
15 States in 1953 to reunite with his family who had moved to America  
16 several years earlier; and

17 **WHEREAS**, when he arrived in the Unites States, Mr. Frisch came  
18 to Jacksonville where his mother, stepfather and brother had  
19 started a fish market on Beaver Street that over the years has  
20 grown into the Beaver Street Fisheries empire we know today; and

21 **WHEREAS**, through hard work, honest dealing and the application  
22 of good common sense, Harry Frisch and his parents, brother, sons  
23 and now grandchildren have grown the family's small business into  
24 an international seafood supplier, employing more than 400 people  
25 in the United States and in the Bahamas and shipping seafood and  
26 other foods and supplies across the country and around the world to  
27 more than 50 countries. He exercised the wisdom of "using your  
28 head" and made personal relationships with and commitment to both  
29 his customers and his employees the foundation of his business  
30 success; and

31 **WHEREAS**, concurrent with his great success as a businessman,

1 Mr. Frisch was extremely active in civic affairs and philanthropic  
2 endeavors, returning a great share of his success to his adopted  
3 community through such ventures as the Jacksonville Farmer's  
4 Market, through the Beaver Street Foundation which supports  
5 numerous not-for-profits serving the needs of the Jacksonville  
6 community, and his service on the boards of Etz Chaim Synagogue and  
7 the River Garden Foundation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Frisch was the recipient of countless awards and  
9 honors over the years in recognition of his investment in and  
10 devotion to time and talent to the community. Just a small sampling  
11 includes the First Coast 50 Award by KPMG, the Thomas S. Baker  
12 SOLID AS A ROCK Award by Junior Achievement, induction into the  
13 First Coast Business Hall of Fame by the Florida Council on  
14 Economic Education, receipt of the Humanitarian Award Silver  
15 Medallion from OneJax, and the Service to Agriculture Award by the  
16 Duval County Farm Bureau; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Frisch was a legendary figure in Jacksonville's  
18 business and civic circles and his recent passing at the age of 99  
19 will leave a vacant spot in the fabric of our community; now  
20 therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and  
23 commemorates the life and accomplishments of Hans "Harry" Frisch on  
24 the occasion of his passing and extends to his family, friends, and  
25 many admirers the City Council's sincere condolences on his  
26 passing. His example of hard work, honest dealing and civic spirit  
27 stand as a model for responsible leadership and corporate  
28 engagement, and his life and legacy will be long and gratefully  
29 remembered.

30 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5           /s/  Mary E. Staffopoulos          

6 Office of General Counsel

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