Introduced by Council Members Carrico and Freeman:

RESOLUTION 2023-94

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING TAMMIE

K. TALLEY, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR DUVAL

COUNTY SCHOOLS, ON BEING NAMED "NATIONAL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR" BY THE NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION;

PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Tammie Talley joined Duval County Public Schools' "Team Duval" in 1992 after earning a master's degree in sports administration from the University of North Florida, first serving as a teacher and coach at Paxon High School and later as the Athletic Director at Mandarin High School for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Talley succeeded the legendary John Fox as the Athletic Director for the school district in 2012 and has run an outstanding athletic operation in the succeeding decade, during which time the school district's sports programs have experienced tremendous success at the district, regional and state level; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Talley's long career in high school athletics has coincided with the full blossoming of the effects of Title IX of the federal Education Amendments Act of 1972 that required the provision of equitable opportunities to participate in sports and equal treatment of female and male student-athletes in scheduling, coaching, facilities, funding and other aspects of athletics by educational institutions that receive federal funding. Since the adoption of Title IX, the participation of girls in high school sports nationwide has increased more than ten-fold and the percentage of boys and girls participating in sports is nearing 50/50; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Ms. Talley was recognized as an outstanding and accomplished leader by her peers when she was appointed as the first woman to ever hold the position of President of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, and in 2021 she was named the Florida Athletic Director of the Year by the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; and

WHEREAS, in the crowning achievement of her outstanding career to date, Ms. Talley was recently named the National Athletic Director of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association; now therefore

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

Section 1. The Council hereby honors and commends Duval County Public Schools' Athletic Director Tammie Talley for being named the National Athletic Director of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and congratulates Ms. Talley on this exceptional honor. The Council extends its best wishes for many years of continued personal and professional success.

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

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

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