

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman, Pittman, Amaro, Miller, Salem,  
2 Gaffney Jr., Howland, Clark-Murray and Johnson and Co-Sponsored by  
3 Council Members Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico,  
4 Diamond, Gay, Lahnen, Peluso and White:  
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7 **RESOLUTION 2024-498-A**

8 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2024 GRADUATING  
9 CLASS OF WILLIAM M. RAINES HIGH SCHOOL WHO ALL  
10 PASSED THEIR STATE EXAMS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY  
11 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN  
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, William M. Raines High School, a historically black  
15 Duval County high school, has been shaping lives through the power  
16 of education for generations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, students graduating in 2024 began high school in 2020  
18 at the height of the pandemic, and endured all of the educational and  
19 social changes associated with that time; and

20 **WHEREAS**, this year, despite all of the challenges and for the  
21 first time in history, every member of the Raines graduating class  
22 successfully passed the state exams that are required to receive a  
23 diploma; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the students of the Raines High School 2024 graduating  
25 class earned nearly \$8.5 million in academic and athletic  
26 scholarships, and ninety percent of the graduates passed a college  
27 level course or received industry certification; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the  
30 William M. Raines High School Class of 2024 for their hard work and  
31 outstanding achievements. Jacksonville City Council also extends

1 appreciation to their teachers, administrators, school staff and  
2 families for providing these amazing students with the support to  
3 succeed.

4           **Section 2.           Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
5 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
6 introduction of this legislation is requested in order to coincide  
7 with Raines High School graduation and to recognize these talented  
8 students in a timely manner.

9           **Section 3.           Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

16 Office of General Counsel

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