

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-703**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE
6 CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOMAS A. JIMENEZ, SR. FOR THE
7 RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
8 JACKSONVILLE'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY
9 THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE CREATION OF THE
10 MAYOR'S HISPANIC AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD AND THE
11 ACHIEVING THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, as a young boy, Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr. and his family
15 fled from Cuba during the revolution of the early 1960s and he
16 attended schools in the United States including the University of
17 Miami and Florida International University; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jimenez has spent a long career in the
19 construction equipment and development fields, serving as President
20 of several companies that provide heavy equipment and cranes to the
21 construction industry and also served as President of a real estate
22 development company. In 2009 when his company supplied cranes and
23 various equipment to build the new county courthouse, he was able to
24 ensure, through the general contractor, the substantial use of
25 minorities and Jacksonville Small and Emerging Businesses as part of
26 the construction of that historic building; and

27 **WHEREAS**, for many years, Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr. has been an
28 activist, promoter and leader in efforts to organize and activate
29 Jacksonville's diverse Hispanic community to become a unified voice
30 for recognition of the presence and participation of that community
31 in Jacksonville's economic, civic and cultural life; and

1 **WHEREAS,** in 1998 Mr. Jimenez partnered with then Mayor John
2 Delaney to create the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board to
3 provide a direct line of communication from the Hispanic community
4 to and from the city government, and after many years of service he
5 is often referred to as the "Emeritus Chair" of the board. He was
6 also a member of the City's International Relations and Marketing
7 Development Commission in the late 1990s, promoting Jacksonville as
8 a prime location for international business; and

9 **WHEREAS,** in 2014 the government of Mexico appointed Mr. Jimenez
10 as the honorary consul in North Florida; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr. was the driving force behind
12 the creation of the Achieving The Dream Scholarship in 1999, which
13 continues to provide college scholarships to Hispanic or Latinx
14 students from the Northeast Florida region. The program has awarded
15 over \$700,000 in scholarships to dozens of local college students to
16 help them both improve their life prospects and celebrate their rich
17 heritage; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
20 Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr. for his decades of tireless efforts to achieve
21 recognition of and to promote the diversity and success of
22 Jacksonville's Hispanic community. He has been a powerful and eloquent
23 advocate for that community's contributions, desires and interests
24 in a wide variety of forums, and his advocacy and representation are
25 deserving of recognition and commendation. The City Council extends
26 its best wishes to Mr. Jimenez for continued success in his mission.

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

4 Office of General Counsel

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