

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Carrico, Freeman, Amaro,
2 Arias, Miller, Pittman, White, Lahnen and Gaffney, Jr.:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-808**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING NICO FLOWERS AS THE BOYS
7 & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA YOUTH OF THE
8 YEAR, THE 2024 SOUTHEAST REGION BOYS & GIRLS
9 CLUBS YOUTH OF THE YEAR, AND THE BOYS & GIRLS
10 CLUBS OF AMERICA 2024 NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE
11 YEAR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** Boys & Girls Clubs of America provides caring adult
14 mentors and life-shaping programs to millions of kids and teens each
15 year; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Nico Flowers experienced some challenges and turmoil
17 in his childhood, including a period when his family was homeless,
18 but at the Northeast Florida Boys & Girls Club Teen Center at Edward
19 H. White High School he found hope and a sense of belonging; and

20 **WHEREAS,** through the Boys & Girls Club, Nico Flowers learned
21 the value of community service and gained the support and guidance
22 from a mentor, a professional barber who also taught Nico how to cut
23 hair; barbering instilled confidence in Nico, provided some financial
24 assistance for his family, and now he pays it forward by teaching
25 others what he learned; and

26 **WHEREAS,** through the Boys & Girls Club, Nico Flowers had the
27 opportunity to become a leader and mentor, and to travel to
28 Tallahassee multiple times, igniting his interest in politics and
29 love for public service; and

30 **WHEREAS,** Nico Flowers earned three well-deserved honors this
31 year in recognition of his exceptional leadership, academic

1 excellence and commitment to serving his community when he was named
2 Youth of the Year for the Northeast Florida Boys & Girls Clubs, the
3 Southeast Region Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year, and the Boys
4 & Girls Clubs of America's 2024 National Youth of the Year; and

5 **WHEREAS,** through these Boys & Girls Clubs awards, Nico Flowers
6 has returned to Tallahassee as a freshman at Florida State University,
7 supported with a \$50,000 college scholarship, opening another door
8 towards his bright future; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Nico Flowers
11 for his resilience, perseverance and strength and applauds Nico
12 Flowers for being a young man of immense character, for being an
13 inspirational role model and for graciously earning these awards. The
14 City Council also appreciates the Boys & Girls Clubs for all they do
15 to lift up their members, help them realize their value and achieve
16 their dreams.

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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