

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Amaro, Peluso and Carlucci:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-856-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
7 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF QUILLIE L. JONES, JR. ;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Quillie L. Jones, Jr. was born in Surrency, Georgia
11 to Quillie Jones, Sr. and Ruth Dixon in 1940 and was a proud alumnus
12 of Fort Valley State College (now University) in Georgia; and

13 **WHEREAS**, while at Fort Valley State, Mr. Jones met and was
14 inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to follow his path of seeking
15 justice and equality through non-violent protest and activism, which
16 he pursued with vigor for the rest of his life; and

17 **WHEREAS**, following college, Quillie Jones moved to
18 Jacksonville and devoted his life to pursuing his goals of promoting
19 equal opportunity and community development in a variety of settings.
20 He was employed throughout his working life by the Jacksonville Urban
21 League, Jacksonville Opportunities Industrialization Center (JOIC),
22 The Help Center and the City of Jacksonville; and

23 **WHEREAS**, his committed activism in the Civil Rights movement
24 led him to membership in the NAACP Youth Council in the early 1960s,
25 and he was among the young people beaten by a mob in downtown
26 Jacksonville on Ax Handle Saturday on August 27, 1960, the physical
27 effects of which he bore for the rest of his life; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jones was an active participant in the City's
29 Super Bowl Committee which handled the arrangements for the game
30 which Jacksonville hosted in 2005, and was an organizer of the
31 "Snooper Bowl" hosted by Snoop Dog and held at William Raines High

1 School in conjunction with the big game; and

2 **WHEREAS,** in 2022, Quillie Jones was honored with the Lincoln-
3 Douglass Memorial Emancipation Proclamation Associations'
4 "Humanitarian Award" for his lifetime of activism and advocacy for
5 justice and equality; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
8 the life and accomplishments of Quillie L. Jones, Jr. upon the
9 occasion of his passing, and extends to his family, friends, and many
10 admirers the City's sincere condolences. Mr. Jones was a model of
11 commitment and activism for the cause of justice and equal
12 opportunity, and his life and legacy will be long remembered and
13 honored.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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