Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit:

RESOLUTION 2025-263

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT'S APPOINTMENT OF BERNIE DE LA RIONDA, A DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENT, AS A MEMBER OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD BOARD, PURSUANT TO SECTION 85.105, *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of juvenile and adult recidivism; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Journey Forward also serves as a convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments, independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to establish a community-based, Citywide plan and alignment of resources to reduce factors contributing to crime and to improve public safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board ("JF Board") which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, three of whom shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council with

the following persons making one appointment for confirmation by Council, to wit: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, to the extent feasible and preferred, but not required, members appointed to serve on the JF Board shall include individuals with experience in one or more of the following areas, recognizing these qualifications would best serve the mission and objectives of the Jacksonville Journey Forward: public health, education, workforce development, contracts and compliance, afterschool/camp operations, juvenile diversion programs, violence prevention or intervention, ex-offender re-entry programs, law enforcement and community engagement; now therefore

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

Section 1. Appointment Confirmation. The Council hereby confirms the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit's appointment of Bernie de la Rionda, a Duval County resident, as a member of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board, in accordance with Section 85.105, *Ordinance Code*, for an initial three-year term expiring on September 30, 2027.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

Office of General Counsel

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