

1 Introduced by Council Members Hazouri, Crescimbeni and Gulliford
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Newby:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2019-479**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE
6 CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM GOLDSBURY ON
7 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Tom Goldsbury earned his bachelor's and master's
11 degrees in civil engineering at Penn State University and began his
12 career as a construction manager/field engineer for the Dravo
13 Corporation, working on materials handling projects around the
14 United States and in South Africa; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the first 20 years of his career was spent in the
16 private sector working for some of the best known engineering
17 companies in the country on a wide variety of construction and
18 maintenance projects, increasingly focused in Florida; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1992 Mr. Goldsbury was hired by the City of
20 Jacksonville as a project manager and then an engineer manager in
21 the Public Works Department, working on projects including the
22 Northbank Riverwalk, New Blodgett Homes, and many of the Better
23 Jacksonville Plan building projects in his two stints as engineer
24 manager. He was integrally involved in the projects to renovate the
25 St. James Building into City Hall, in the substantial renovation of
26 and additions to the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts,
27 the Ed Ball Building, EverBank Field and the conversion of the old
28 Federal Courthouse into the new State Attorney's Office; and

29 **WHEREAS**, from January of 1998 through October 2011 and again
30 from February of 2014 to the present, Tom Goldsbury has served as
31 Chief of the City's Building Inspection Division, managing the

1 employees on the front line of development permitting in
2 Jacksonville, ensuring the proper interpretation and enforcement of
3 the City's building and development codes, and lending his long
4 experience and deep expertise to special projects such as
5 reconstruction of the Jacksonville Beach pier and the permit fee
6 rebate for property owners forced to make roofing and electrical
7 repairs to address damages caused by Hurricane Irma; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Goldsbury has been instrumental in fostering
9 positive changes in the Building Inspection Division in
10 collaboration with his employees, encouraging a focus on customer
11 service, instituting building inspection and permitting processes
12 that are considered best practice in the State of Florida, and
13 spearheading the creation of an building inspection/permitting
14 database that was created in house by the City's Information
15 Technology Division; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Tom Goldsbury, a golfer, woodworker and avid Jaguars
17 fan, also gives back to the community as a board member of Builders
18 Care and of the ACE Mentor Program, has been a board member and
19 Treasurer of the North Florida Chapter of the U.S. Green Building
20 Council, and is a Past President and currently 2nd Vice President of
21 the First Coast Chapter of the Building Officials Association of
22 Florida; now therefore

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

24 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
25 commends the long career and numerous accomplishments of Tom
26 Goldsbury on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years with the
27 City, and extends its best wishes for health and happiness in the
28 years to come. Mr. Goldsbury's professionalism, dedication to
29 public service, and wise counsel are gratefully acknowledged and
30 will be long remembered.

31 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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