

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member White, Hazouri, Bowman, Becton and Ferraro:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2019-775**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING WREATHS
6 ACROSS AMERICA AND THEIR LOCAL PARTNERS FOR
7 HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE HONORABLY
8 SACRIFICED AND SERVED OUR COUNTRY THROUGH
9 THEIR PLACEMENT OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS ON THE
10 GRAVES AT THE JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, for nearly two and a half centuries since the
14 founding of our nation, men and women have offered themselves in
15 service to the country through military service in a variety of
16 capacities in times of both war and peace; and

17 **WHEREAS**, over the course of those centuries, more than 1.3
18 million Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their
19 lives to protect our nation and its freedoms; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Wreaths Across America is a national organization
21 whose mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach about the sacrifices
22 made by their fellow citizens throughout the years, and one of the
23 primary ways they fulfill that mission is by coordinating wreath
24 laying ceremonies each year in December at the graves of service
25 men and women buried in national cemeteries in all 50 U.S. states,
26 at sea and abroad; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Chapter of Wreaths Across America is
28 coordinating the local wreath laying ceremony at Jacksonville's
29 National Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2019 to honor our local
30 deceased veterans; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Wreaths Across America is aided in its noble work by

1 the contributions of time and resources of numerous generous
2 supporters; in Jacksonville those sponsors include the American
3 Legion, the Blank Check Society, Grunski Technologies, Inc., the
4 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Navy Wives Clubs of America
5 #86, Elks Lodge #1892, Saddle Creek Logistics Services, XL Custom
6 Golf Carts, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1046, Black Knight
7 Financial Services, the Rotary Club of Orange Park, WalMart, Geer
8 Services and AT&T Pioneers; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
11 commends Wreaths Across America and its many local partners for
12 recognizing the sacrifice of military men and women and honoring
13 their service through the placement of Christmas wreaths on the
14 graves at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Their work is an
15 important reminder of the debt that all citizens owe to those who
16 have sacrificed the most on our behalf, and is deeply appreciated.

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/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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