Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Morgan, DeFoor, Carlucci, Diamond, Salem and Pittman:

RESOLUTION 2019-860-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING JACKSONVILLE RESIDENT SHAWANA BOYER FOR WINNING THE 2019 MS. WORLD INTERNATIONAL PREMIER CROWN, FINISHING AS 2ND RUNNER UP MS. WORLD INTERNATIONAL, WINNING THE 2019 MOST STYLISH AWARD, AND FOR BEING A PILLAR OF THE LOCAL FASHION AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Shawana Boyer was born in Sanford, Florida and currently resides in Jacksonville. A graduate of Edward Waters College, Ms. Boyer is a successful entrepreneur running multiple fashion-centered businesses. She is the owner and Creative Director of SynSha' Fashions Beauty Studio, Pretty Pearls and Clutches Fashion Empowerment Brunch, and SynSha' Fashions Motique, a mobile boutique specializing in women's fashion. Additionally, Shawana Boyer is a motivational speaker, business coach, personal stylist, former educator, the author of the book "Who is She", and an accomplished model competing in many different pageants and competitions; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. World International Pageant is one of the top beauty pageant competitions in the world. Thousands of women every year vie for the chance to represent their country or state at the world finals. Through a series of qualifying rounds and eliminations, the most dynamic candidates are selected to travel to the international event where they participate in daily filming

sessions, photo shoots, celebrity parties as well as preliminary competitions. Only the very best are crowned one of the 8 world titles and receive international publicity, prizes and endorsement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the 14th annual Ms. World International Pageant was held in Coral Springs, Florida from August 19th to the 23rd. Ms. Boyer was one of hundreds of applicants that underwent several qualification and elimination rounds to become one of the 62 semifinalists from around the globe. Shawana made it all the way to finals and was crowned Ms. World International Premier and finished as the 2nd runner up of the Ms. World International / Ms. Universe award. Additionally, she won the 2019 Most Stylish Award. Ms. Boyer is no stranger to winning competitions and holds multiple awards, including the titles of Mrs. Jacksonville 2019, Mrs. Corporate America regional title, winner of the 2019 Civil Scarlet and Media Awards for MCA pageant, and more; and

WHEREAS, Shawana Boyer continues to be an important entrepreneurial presence in Jacksonville. In addition to her multiple businesses, Ms. Boyer will be hosting her 2nd annual Pretty Pearls and Clutches Fashion Empowerment Brunch at the Potter's House Youth Sanctuary in Jacksonville on December 7th, 2019. This event will bring together models, fashion industry leaders, and crowned pageant winners from across the globe to meet and greet in Jacksonville; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Shawana Boyer for winning the 2019 Ms. World International Premier Crown, finishing as 2^{nd} runner up Ms. World International, winning the 2019 Most Stylish Award, and for being a pillar of the local fashion and business communities.

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/ Paige H. Johnston
Office of General Counsel

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