Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Pittman, Dennis, Morgan, R. Gaffney, Freeman, Hazouri, DeFoor, Newby, Carlucci and Ferraro:

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ORDINANCE 2020-558

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON MYRTLE AVENUE NORTH BETWEEN 7TH STREET WEST AND 8TH STREET WEST IN JACKSONVILLE FOR QUENTHON ANTHONY "NICK" MALPRESS; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROADWAY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8; HONORING THE LEGACY AND RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF QUENTHON ANTHONY MALPRESS; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 745.105(I)(2), ORDINANCE CODE, THAT HONOREE BE DECEASED FOR FIVE YEARS; DIRECTING LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO UPON ENACTMENT FORWARD THE ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress was born in the Durkeeville area of Jacksonville in 1942 and from a young age was an outstanding athlete in many sports, especially baseball, following in the footsteps of several uncles who played professionally in the National Negro Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malpress graduated from Stanton High School and was employed by the Jacksonville Housing Authority, but his first

love was always participating in sports of all kinds. He became a coach, referee and umpire for youth sports in the Duval County Schools and served in those roles for over 50 years, molding the lives of young people through the lessons of honest competition and good sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Nick Malpress' sports-related accomplishments were many and varied, from serving on the Jacksonville Jaguars' game-day chain crew, to playing on the U.S. National Senior Softball Team in Panama, to coaching the Edward Waters College women's softball team, to winning awards for his lengthy and outstanding career umpiring and refereeing baseball, softball, football and track and field; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, and January 22, 2020, the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications to affected property owners concerning the proposed honorary street, and requested their written consent or objection to the proposed honorary street designation (See On File documents); and

WHEREAS, because the property owners whose address is assigned to the street designated for honorary markers did not return the requested form to the Planning and Development Department, such property owners are deemed to have consented to the honorary designation of the street; and

WHEREAS, a private donor has remitted funds to satisfy the
cost for the honorary markers (See attached Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the accomplishments of Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress are worthy and deserving of a form of recognition that the City of Jacksonville and Mr. Malpress' family, friends, and colleagues can share and celebrate in, to wit: the creation of an honorary street designation and the installation of two appropriate honorary roadway markers on Myrtle Avenue North between 7th Street West and 8th Street West in Council District 8;

and

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

Section 1. Myrtle Avenue North to receive an honorary street designation for Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress. Myrtle Avenue North between 7th Street West and 8th Street West in Council District 8 shall hereby be designated as contemplated by Section 745.105(j), Ordinance Code, Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress. A map of the road designation is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress to be installed. Two honorary roadway memorial markers, as contemplated by Section 745.105 (j), Ordinance Code, recognizing and honoring Quenthon Anthony "Nick" Malpress shall be placed in appropriate locations on Myrtle Avenue North.

Section 3. Waiver of Section 745.105(i)(2). Section 745.105(i)(2), Ordinance Code, requiring the approval of honorary designations only for persons who have been deceased for 5 years is hereby waived due to the fact that the honoree has not been deceased for 5 years; the honoree died in 2018.

Section 4. Directing Legislative Services to forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department. The Chief of Legislative Services is requested to send a copy of this legislation, once enacted, to the Planning and Development Department, Addressing Unit, for processing, implementation, and coordination with the Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division and other affected agencies and organizations.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

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7 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman
8 Office of General Counsel
9 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman
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