

1 Introduced by Council Members Bowman and Hazouri and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci,  
3 Newby, Pittman, Boylan, Salem, Becton and Morgan:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2020 -650**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE  
8 LIFE AND WORK OF JACKSONVILLE NATIVE, WALTER  
9 LEE WILLIAMS JR., FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY  
10 SERVICE AS A FORMER CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT,  
11 JEA BOARD CHAIR, AND U.S. MARINE; AND FOR HIS  
12 ENTREPRENEURIAL LEGACY WITHIN THE JACKSONVILLE  
13 COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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15 **WHEREAS**, Walter Lee Williams Jr. was born on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1936 in  
16 Jacksonville, Florida to his loving parents Walter and Etta  
17 Williams. After growing up in his hometown of Jacksonville, Mr.  
18 Williams attended the University of Florida prior to serving two  
19 years with the U.S. Marines; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams was a pivotal figure in Jacksonville's  
21 real estate industry for many years, having founded multiple real  
22 estate companies that handled residential, commercial, and property  
23 management real estate. He was the president of the Jacksonville  
24 Association of Realtors (JAR) in 1986 and the first president of  
25 the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors (NEFAR) in 1998.  
26 During his tenure with NEFAR, Mr. Williams served on nearly every  
27 committee, council, and task force that they organization offered.  
28 Additionally, he earned the status of Realtor Emeritus by the  
29 National Association of Realtors; and

30 **WHEREAS**, along with his entrepreneurial excellence, Mr.  
31 Williams was a dedicated public servant. He served on the first

1 City Council following the adoption of Consolidation in 1968,  
2 including a year as Council President. In 1981, Mr. Williams served  
3 as the Chair of the JEA Board and was awarded the Congressional  
4 Energy Efficiency Award; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams was an avid boater, pilot, and proud  
6 grandfather to his seven grandchildren. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020,  
7 Walter Lee Williams Jr. passed away in his hometown and community  
8 that he served and loved; 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 commemorates the life and work of Jacksonville native, Walter Lee  
12 Williams Jr., for his dedicated community service as a former City  
13 Council President, JEA Board Chair, and U.S. Marine; and for his  
14 entrepreneurial legacy within the Jacksonville community.

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

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19 Form Approved:

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22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Anthony J. Baltiero, City Council Research

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