

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Becton, Bowman, Morgan, DeFoor, Newby, Boylan,
3 Carlucci, Pittman, Dennis, Priestly Jackson, White and R. Gaffney:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-132-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF
8 THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE
9 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ON THE
10 DAMES POINT BRIDGE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2021;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, firefighters selflessly dedicate their time to
14 protecting our lives and property, and sometimes they make the
15 ultimate sacrifice while risking their lives to save others; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2021, two vehicles collided on the
17 south end of the Dames Point Bridge, resulting in one car going
18 over the concrete barrier wall into the five feet of water. The
19 Florida Highway Patrol, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO"), and
20 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD") responded to the
21 accident. Upon arrival, JFRD's Ladder 30 crew worked tirelessly to
22 rescue the driver. Captain Phillip O'Relli was lowered down the
23 bridge's side upon which he harnessed the driver, and the two men
24 were pulled back to safety; and

25 **WHEREAS**, JSO officers were a pivotal part of the rescue in
26 maintaining the flow of traffic to minimize any further incidents,
27 which allowed JFRD to concentrate solely on the rescue. First
28 responders answered to calls of help even though they were placing
29 themselves in danger. They responded with a sense of urgency,
30 purpose, and courage for the safety of others. Although they were
31 doing their job, the heroic efforts of the Ladder 30 crew, JSO, and

1 everyone involved are evidence of dedication and teamwork in the
2 midst of a crisis; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
5 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
6 Department for their heroic efforts on the Dames Point Bridge on
7 February 6, 2021 and expresses its most sincere gratitude to JSO
8 and JFRD for their exemplary service, commitment, and courage to
9 all citizens and visitors of Duval County.

10 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Yvonne P. Mitchell, City Council Research

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