

1 Introduced by Council Member Becton & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Ferraro, Freeman, White, Carlucci, Hazouri, Pittman,
3 Dennis, Newby, Bowman, Boylan, Carrico, Cumber, DeFoor, Diamond,
4 Gaffney, Morgan, and Priestly Jackson and amended on the Floor of
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2021-164-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
10 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FORMER CITY
11 COUNCIL MEMBER WARREN ALVAREZ; REQUESTING
12 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
13 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, Warren Alvarez, a Jacksonville native, was born and
16 raised on his family's Northside dairy farm, graduated from Andrew
17 Jackson High School and completed courses at the University of
18 Florida in dairy and farm management; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alvarez spent his entire life in the family dairy
20 business, and also had several other business interests, including
21 property development and management and a car rental business. He
22 served in the Florida Air National Guard for 31 years; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Warren Alvarez was a recognized leader in the field
24 of agriculture in Florida, include serving as president and board
25 member of the Duval County Farm Bureau for 44 years; president and
26 charter member of the Duval County Cattlemen's Association for 36
27 years; past director of the Upper Florida Milk Producer's
28 Association; the Duval County 4-H Club Foundation; and long-time
29 service on the Florida Farm Bureau; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alvarez was civically active, especially on

1 Jacksonville's Northside, serving as acting supervisor for the
2 Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District for 22 years;
3 Chairman of the Jacksonville - Duval County Agricultural Council;
4 Chairman of the Mayor's Agricultural Advisory Board; Chairman of
5 the North Citizens' Planning Advisory Committee; and as a member of
6 Jacksonville Blue Ribbon Crime Commission, Jacksonville
7 Comprehensive Growth Management Committee and the Jacksonville
8 Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors, among many others; and

9 **WHEREAS**, his lifetime of business and civic involvement led
10 him to run for the office of City Council, to which he was elected
11 to represent District 11 in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. Mr.
12 Alvarez was an active and effective council member, offering wise
13 counsel with his trademark folksy humor, and he was the recipient
14 of the 2003-2004 Charles D. Webb Award, the City Council's most
15 prestigious internal honor; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Warren Alvarez continued to be a welcome presence in
17 the City Council office until the time of his recent passing,
18 visiting with staff and council members from time to time and
19 sharing the bounty of his orchards in citrus season along with
20 observations about the state of the city and the government; now
21 therefore

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

23 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
24 commemorates the life and countless accomplishments of former City
25 Council member Warren Alvarez and extends its sincere condolences
26 to his family, friends, and many admirers. Mr. Alvarez was a
27 dedicated public servant and an effective advocate for
28 Jacksonville's Northside area and for rural and agricultural
29 interests, always with his trademark humor and easygoing manner.
30 His wise counsel will be greatly missed and long remembered.

31 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**

1 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
2 of this legislation is requested. The nature of this emergency is
3 that the Council wishes to have this adopted resolution presented
4 to the Alvarez family at the upcoming funeral as a token of the
5 Council's respect and admiration for the former council member.

6 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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