

Introduced by Council Members Newby and Pittman & Co-Sponsored by Council Members Becton, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Boylan and Gaffney:

RESOLUTION 2021-127-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF DR. JEANNETTE C. HOLMES-VANN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeannette C. Holmes-Vann, a native of Macon, Georgia, moved to Jacksonville at an early age and attended the Duval County Public Schools before earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at Edward Waters College. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jacksonville Theological Seminary in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes-Vann was employed by the Duval County School System as a teacher for 21 years, during which time she also founded and pastored the Hope Chapel Ministries in order to put her deep spirituality into practice before leaving the school system to devote her full time and attention to the growing ministry; and

WHEREAS, Hope Chapel Ministries, initially known as Unity, Prayer, Bible and Mission Outreach, was founded in the basement of her home and steadily outgrew a number of other facilities used for specific events until in 1981 the first permanent building was constructed, the beginnings of a still-growing campus; and

WHEREAS, Hope Chapel Ministries now encompasses both the church, its numerous associated ministries, and a private non-chartered school and serves the community in a variety of ways, particularly through its ministries dedicated to outreach to the elderly, the incarcerated, and the hopeless and through the

1 education of children to be quality, productive adults; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
3 passing of Dr. Holmes-Vann; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and
6 commemorates the life and many accomplishments of Dr. Jeannette C.
7 Holmes-Vann, Pastor of Hope Chapel Ministries, upon the occasion of
8 her passing, and extends to her family, friends, and congregation
9 the City's sincere condolences. Her example of faith in action was
10 an inspiration to all who knew her, and her legacy will be long and
11 gratefully remembered.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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