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

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6 | **RESOLUTION 2021-131-A**

7 | A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF
8 | MARTIN A. GOETZ FROM RIVER GARDEN SENIOR
9 | SERVICES AFTER 43 YEARS OF SERVICE; PROVIDING
10 | AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 | **WHEREAS**, Martin Goetz graduated from Elmont Memorial High
13 | School on Long Island, NY and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree
14 | from Kent State University, a Master of Science in Health Services
15 | Administration from SUNY at Stony Brook, and a Master of Public
16 | Administration from the University of North Florida; and

17 | **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Mr. Goetz was the recipient of the Dr. Herb
18 | Shore Young Administrator of the Year Award by the Association of
19 | Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) in Washington, DC. In 2005, Mr. Goetz
20 | was elected to the AJAS Board of Directors and served as its board
21 | chair from 2011-2013. In 2016, he was presented with the Dr.
22 | Herbert Shore Award of Honor; and

23 | **WHEREAS**, Martin Goetz worked at Jackson Health System in
24 | Miami from 1975 to 1977 as an Assistant Administrator. Mr. Goetz
25 | joined River Garden Senior Services as an Associate Administrator
26 | in 1978 and served as the Chief Operating Officer from the mid-80's
27 | until 2004 when he assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer.
28 | Over his 43-year tenure, River Garden has grown to include a 180-
29 | bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility; The Coves, an 80-
30 | unit independent living community; a Medicare certified home health
31 | agency; adult day care; and a Foundation. River Garden Senior

Services is a not-for-profit, mission-driven community agency offering an array of elder care programs and services on a 40-acre campus in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. The organization is sponsored by the organized Jewish community and it serves clients from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goetz is a past member of the board and executive committee of the Florida Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (FAHSA) what is currently known as Leading Age Florida. In 2001, he received FAHSA's Public Policy Award, and in 2003 he was the recipient of FAHSA's Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the association, and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Goetz was presented with the Chairman's Award by FAHSA in recognition of his years of service to the board and its members. In 2008, he was elected by FAHSA membership to a three-year term in the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (now LeadingAge) House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goetz also served from 2002 to 2006 as a member of the Community Advisory Board for Av-Med Health Systems, a statewide managed healthcare organization with a central office in Gainesville. In addition, he has served as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at the University of North Florida Brooks College of Health. Mr. Goetz served on the Board of Directors for OneJax Institute from 2014-2020. He will be the recipient of a Silver Medallion award at the OneJax Humanitarian Awards on April 15, 2021; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates Martin A. Goetz for his 43 years of service at River Garden Senior Services and for his impact on the senior community in Jacksonville

1   and wishes him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

2   **Section 2.**   **Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become

3   effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

4   without the Mayor's signature.

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6   Form Approved:

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8   /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

9   Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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