

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-260**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING LONG-TIME
6 JACKSONVILLE FIREFIGHTER AND JACKSONVILLE
7 ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS UNION PRESIDENT
8 RANDY WYSE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
9 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville native Randy Wyse graduated from Episcopal
13 High School, attended Wofford University, and earned a degree in fire
14 management from the Florida State College at Jacksonville Fire Academy
15 before joining the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department in 1988;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Wyse is a third generation Jacksonville
18 firefighter, following in the footsteps of his father, uncle and
19 grandfather who served the Jacksonville Fire Department beginning in
20 1908, producing a legacy of 139 years of combined service to the
21 community from one family during which a Wyse served on the department
22 continuously with the exception of 1 year in 1940-41. Interestingly,
23 all 4 of the Wyse firefighters served at Fire Station 2,
24 Jacksonville's oldest continuously operating fire station at its
25 original location, at some point in their career; and

26 **WHEREAS**, after progressing through the ranks of the Fire and
27 Rescue Department to the rank of District Chief assigned to the
28 Special Operations Team at Fire Station 4, Randy Wyse was elected
29 President of the Jacksonville Association of Firefighters, IAFF Local
30 122 in 2008, and has been re-elected by acclamation since, leading
31 the union for 13 years; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Randy Wyse is always ready to put his training and
2 years of experience into action when an emergency arises, including
3 performing CPR in City Hall in an attempt to save the life of prominent
4 civic leader Dr. Chester Aikens who collapsed after attending a
5 meeting of the Jacksonville Retirement Reform Task Force in 2013.
6 Early in his career he responded to a worker struck by lightning at
7 the Acosta Bridge construction project and climbed up a bridge support
8 to administer CPR to the victim, and on his first working shift as a
9 Fire Lieutenant in January of 1993 he responded with his company to
10 the Stuart Tank Farm fire, one of the largest industrial fires in
11 city history. He was also the incident commander in 2009 during the
12 rescue efforts following the collapse of the Berkman Plaza parking
13 garage; and

14 **WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure with the JAFF, Mr. Wyse has
15 performed admirably in the many roles required of the union president,
16 from advocating for the best interests of his membership in the
17 collective bargaining process to being a liaison to the City Council
18 and Mayor to bring the needs and desires of firefighters and EMTs to
19 the attention of the City's political leadership, and from educating
20 and informing the public on safety matters to spearheading the union's
21 considerable charitable giving initiatives; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Randy Wyse has recently announced that, after 33 years
23 of service to the department and the City, the time has come for him
24 to retire from active duty; now therefore

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

26 **Section 1.** The Council hereby honors and commends Randy
27 Wyse on his 33 years of outstanding service to the Jacksonville Fire
28 and Rescue Department as a firefighter of various ranks and then as
29 President of the Jacksonville Association of Fire Fighters Local 122.
30 Mr. Wyse continued his family's long and proud tradition of selfless
31 dedication to the fire service for 110 years, and his performance as

1 union president has served his membership and the citizens of
2 Jacksonville admirably. The City Council extends to Randy Wyse its
3 best wishes for many more years of health and happiness in his
4 retirement.

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

12 Office of General Counsel

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