

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-397**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
6 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REVEREND
7 WILLIS BARNUM COKER MCCARTY ON THE OCCASION OF
8 HIS PASSING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Barnum McCarty, a Jacksonville native, graduated from
11 Andrew Jackson High School, briefly attend Florida State
12 University, and earned his bachelor's degree and Master of Divinity
13 degree at the University of the South at Sewanee; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. McCarty was ordained a deacon following his
15 graduation from the seminary and was ordained to the priesthood the
16 following year, beginning a decades-long career of ministerial
17 service as rector or interim rector at churches across the state of
18 Florida, from Panama City and Apalachicola to Fernandina Beach and
19 Jacksonville to St. Petersburg. He was Rector of St. Mark's
20 Episcopal in Jacksonville for 23 years and also served as Interim
21 Dean at St. John's Cathedral. He also served as a chaplain in the
22 Florida Army National Guard, retiring after 30 years' service with
23 the rank of Colonel; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Rev. McCarty was well-respected within the Episcopal
25 Church both statewide and nationally, serving as a Deputy to ten
26 successive General Conventions of the Episcopal Church and serving
27 once as Vice President of The House of Deputies. He also was
28 elected to serve two terms on the National Church's Executive
29 Council (12 years), appointed to serve six years on The Presiding
30 Bishop's Fund for World Relief, the Nominating Committee for the
31 election of a Presiding Bishop, the Administration and Finance

1 Committee, and the Investment Committee; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Rev. McCarty was instrumental in the founding years
3 at St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, a non-profit Christian school,
4 located on the grounds of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Rev McCarty
5 arrived at St. Mark's in 1971, and helped to refine the concept of
6 the parish day school. His legacy of unconditional love remains
7 strong and the impact of his service to hundreds of students and
8 their families cannot be understated; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Rev. McCarty was devoted to his wife of 65 years,
10 Betty Ann, and to his 3 children and 5 grandchildren, and loved
11 sailing and boating, golfing, singing and dancing, walks on the
12 beach, and spending time with family and friends, and lived a
13 blessed and fulfilling life; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City hereby honors and commemorates the
16 life and devoted service of Rev. Willis Barnum Coker McCarty upon
17 the occasion of his passing, and extends its sincere condolences to
18 his family and countless friends and former parishioners. His
19 example of deep faith, service in action, and good friendship will
20 be a fond remembrance for all who had the honor to know him.

21 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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