

1 Introduced by Council Members Pittman and Priestly Jackson and Co-
2 sponsored by Council Member Hazouri:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-402**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND
7 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVEREND DOCTOR LANDON L.
8 WILLIAMS, SR. AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS
9 FAMILY, CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS; REQUESTING
10 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, Landon L. Williams earned his bachelor's and master's
14 degrees in bible studies from Luther Rice Bible College and
15 Seminary in Jacksonville and his Doctorate of Ministry from
16 Covington Theological Seminary in Rossville, Georgia; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams started his working career as a
18 longshoreman and was elected President of International
19 Longshoremen's Association Local 1408 from 1960-1973, was Regional
20 Vice President for the South Atlantic & Gulf Coast District,
21 International Longshoreman's Association from 1966-1983 and was
22 International Vice President of the International Longshoremen's
23 Association, AFC-CIO from 1972-1983; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams was Pastor of Greater Bethany Baptist
25 Church in Jacksonville for nearly 6 years before being called as
26 Pastor and later Senior Pastor of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church
27 from 1976 until his recent passing; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams was also extremely active in religious
29 and community affairs as part of his ministry, including being a
30 member of the General Council of World Baptist Alliance, Treasurer
31 of the Florida General Baptist Congress of Christian Education,

1 President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and a board member
2 of the Jacksonville Area Planning Board; and

3 **WHEREAS**, most recently Dr. Williams was Chairman of the Board
4 of Agape Community Health Center and helped lead a joint venture
5 with Macedonia Agape Development Corporation and Picerne
6 Development Corporation to construct a 120-unit state-of-the-art
7 apartment complex for senior citizens; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams was a powerful force for good and an
9 inspirational leader in his church and his community; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The Council hereby commemorates and honors the
12 life and many accomplishments of the Reverend Doctor Landon L.
13 Williams, Sr. and extends to his family, congregation and countless
14 friends the City's sincere condolences upon his passing. His
15 example of faith in action and great leadership will long stand as
16 a testament to his honor.

17 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
18 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
19 of this Resolution is requested so that this Resolution can be
20 presented to Dr. Williams' family at his funeral this week.

21 **Section 3. 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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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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