

1 Introduced by Council Members Pittman and Priestly Jackson and Co-  
2 sponsored by Council Members Hazouri, Gaffney, Morgan, Becton,  
3 Carrico, Freeman, Salem, Dennis, Carlucci, DeFoor, Bowman, Diamond,  
4 Newby, Cumber, and White:

7 **RESOLUTION 2021-402-A**

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

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

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

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

30 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams was also extremely active in religious  
31 and community affairs as part of his ministry, including being a

1 member of the General Council of World Baptist Alliance, Treasurer  
2 of the Florida General Baptist Congress of Christian Education,  
3 President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and a board member  
4 of the Jacksonville Area Planning Board; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3  /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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