

1 Introduced by Council Member Bowman:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-466**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING CITY  
6 ETHICS OFFICER CARLA MILLER ON THE OCCASION OF  
7 HER RETIREMENT FROM THE POSITION; PROVIDING AN  
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Carla Miller earned a bachelor's degree in  
11 criminology from Florida State University and earned her law degree  
12 from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law before  
13 beginning her legal career in the U.S. Attorney's Office in  
14 Jacksonville prosecuting white collar crimes; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Miller was working in private law practice in  
16 1997 when she was recruited to serve on the City's Ethics  
17 Commission by Mayor John Delaney, in which position she helped to  
18 write the City's first ethics code and encouraged the City's  
19 establishment of a 24/7 confidential whistleblower telephone  
20 hotline for reporting suspected unethical activity; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 Mayor John Peyton appointed her as the City  
22 Ethics Officer and she became a City employee, and in 2011 Ms.  
23 Miller became Director of the City's Office of Ethics, Compliance  
24 and Oversight; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Carla Miller is nationally and internationally  
26 recognized as an expert in the field of governmental ethics. In  
27 2013 she was named a fellow of the Edmond J. Safra Center for  
28 Ethics at Harvard University, a center established to strengthen  
29 teaching and research about ethical issues, foster sound norms of  
30 ethical reasoning and civic discussion and to share its work in the  
31 public interest. She is also the founder of CityEthics.org, a

1 nonprofit entity dedicated to promoting ethics development and  
2 education. Her work as a consultant has helped many other  
3 municipalities in the U.S. as well as foreign governments develop  
4 and enforce ethics practices; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Miller has been integrally involved in every  
6 aspect of researching, analyzing, opining on, training, and  
7 proposing regulations for ethics, conflicts of interest, government  
8 in the sunshine, public participation, and other related topics for  
9 the City government, and has tenaciously and tirelessly advocated  
10 on behalf of the public for transparency, clarity and public access  
11 to the governmental decision making process; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after 24 years of service to the City and the  
13 citizens of Jacksonville, Carla Miller has announced her retirement  
14 from City service to continue her work in governmental ethics via  
15 her private organization; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
18 City Ethics Officer Carla Miller for her decades of service to the  
19 City and its citizens as a member of the Ethics Commission, as the  
20 City's Ethics Officer and Director of the Office of Ethics,  
21 Compliance and Oversight, and extends to her the City's best wishes  
22 for continued health and happiness in her new venture. Her legacy  
23 of tireless advocacy for the highest standards of ethical activity  
24 in government will be an inspiration for generations of public  
25 officials and public employees to come.

26 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
28 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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4  /s/ Kealey A. West

5 Office of General Counsel

6 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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