

1 Introduced by Council Member Hazouri & Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Becton, Bowman, Carlucci, Carrico, Cumber, DeFoor,  
3 Dennis, Diamond, Ferraro, Freeman, Gaffney, Newby, Pittman,  
4 Priestly Jackson, Salem, and White and amended on the Floor of  
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2021-468-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING  
10 THE PASSING OF ARNOLD TRITT; REQUESTING  
11 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING  
12 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Arnold Tritt was born on February 7, 1934 in  
15 Jacksonville, Florida, where he and his two older siblings,  
16 Millicent and Abner, were raised by their mother, Rose, in the  
17 Brentwood public housing project on the Northside. Arnold Tritt,  
18 along with his lifelong best friend (former Jacksonville Mayor and  
19 Council Member) Jake Godbold, graduated from Andrew Jackson High  
20 School; and

21 **WHEREAS**, after high school, Mr. Tritt enlisted in the U.S. Army  
22 and was stationed in occupied Germany during the post W.W. II  
23 years. After his return from active duty, he graduated from the  
24 University of Florida with degrees in both Journalism and Public  
25 Relations; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Arnold Tritt met Virginia ("Ginger") Lee Ford in  
27 Birmingham, Alabama shortly after graduation and was immediately  
28 smitten with her. The following day they went out for dinner and  
29 they were inseparable thereafter. Arnold and Ginger moved back to  
30 Jacksonville for the wedding, where they shared almost sixty years

1 of marriage, raised their sons, Arnold, Jr., Lee-Ford and John, and  
2 then later were blessed with four grandchildren: Lillie Rose, Lee-  
3 Ford, Noah and Nathaniel; and

4       **WHEREAS**, in the early 1970's, the Tritts moved to the Avondale  
5 neighborhood and Arnold worked as a truancy officer because he  
6 loved helping young people. A few years later, Arnold was hired to  
7 be the Executive Officer for the Northeast Florida Builders  
8 Association (NEFBA). Under his leadership the organization grew  
9 from a grassroots operation with 180 members, to one with over 3000  
10 members, one of the largest homebuilders' associations in the  
11 country. While in that position, an important passion project for  
12 Arnold was the NEFBA apprenticeship program, which provided youth  
13 with the opportunity for successful careers in the construction  
14 industry; and

15       **WHEREAS**, after retirement, Arnold Tritt was awarded the  
16 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Home  
17 Builders and was inducted into the Florida Home Builders Hall of  
18 Fame. He also served in many civil capacities over the years,  
19 including as the President of the Jacksonville Jaycees, the City of  
20 Jacksonville's Sister City Association, the Chairman of Muscular  
21 Dystrophy, Chair of the Boys & Girls Club, Chairman of the  
22 Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Chairman of Big Brothers,  
23 and Board Member for the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund;  
24 and

25       **WHEREAS**, Arnold Tritt passed away on July 1, 2021 at home  
26 surrounded by family. He will be remembered for his love of fishing  
27 with Jake, helping others, and sharing time with friends and family  
28 wherein he always insisted on picking-up the restaurant bill.  
29 Arnold's life was full of love, friendship and kindness and he will  
30 be dearly missed by all who to knew him; now therefore

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

1       **Section 1.**       The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the  
2 life of Arnold Tritt and his contributions to our city. City  
3 Council extends heartfelt condolences to all of the Tritt family  
4 and friends upon Arnold's passing, and hopes that the memories of  
5 him will provide them comfort and peace.

6       **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**  
7 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction  
8 of this Resolution is requested so that this Resolution can be  
9 presented to the Tritt family in a timely manner.

10       **Section 3. Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16       /s/ Margaret M. Sidman      

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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