

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Morgan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-397-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REVEREND
8 WILLIS BARNUM COKER MCCARTY ON THE OCCASION OF
9 HIS PASSING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Barnum McCarty, a Jacksonville native, graduated from
12 Andrew Jackson High School, briefly attend Florida State
13 University, and earned his bachelor's degree and Master of Divinity
14 degree at the University of the South at Sewanee; and

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

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

1 election of a Presiding Bishop, the Administration and Finance
2 Committee, and the Investment Committee; and

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

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

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

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

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
24 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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