

1 Introduced by Council Member Bowman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Pittman, DeFoor, Diamond, Newby, Priestly Jackson,
3 Becton, Salem, Carlucci, Gaffney & Freeman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-466-A**

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

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

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

27 **WHEREAS**, Carla Miller is nationally and internationally
28 recognized as an expert in the field of governmental ethics. In
29 2013 she was named a fellow of the Edmond J. Safra Center for
30 Ethics at Harvard University, a center established to strengthen
31 teaching and research about ethical issues, foster sound norms of

1 ethical reasoning and civic discussion and to share its work in the
2 public interest. She is also the founder of CityEthics.org, a
3 nonprofit entity dedicated to promoting ethics development and
4 education. Her work as a consultant has helped many other
5 municipalities in the U.S. as well as foreign governments develop
6 and enforce ethics practices; and

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

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

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

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

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

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Form Approved:

 /s/ Kealey A. West

Office of General Counsel

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