

1 Introduced by Council Members Boylan, Bowman and Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-722**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING BILL WARNER
6 FOR HIS COUNTLESS BUSINESS, MILITARY AND
7 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO JACKSONVILLE AND
8 NORTHEAST FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville resident Bill Warner, a lifelong car and
11 racing enthusiast, attended public schools in Duval County, earned
12 his Engineering degree at The Citadel in 1966, and then began three
13 simultaneous careers (1) managing his family's industrial filter
14 business, (2) retiring as a Major after 30 years with the Florida Air
15 National Guard, and (3) developing his life-long interest writing and
16 photographing sports cars, and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Warner's was named 1970 Photographer of the Year
18 by the Sports Car Club of America and earned similar prestigious
19 awards. His exceptional writing ability led to his award-winning
20 career in the automotive media. His pictures and articles have
21 appeared in national and international publications, including *Road*
22 *and Track (since 1971)*; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Warner is the author/co-author of historic
24 automotive books, including "The Other Side of the Fence, Six Decades
25 of Motorsport Photography" (2021) and "Cuba's Car Culture" (2016)

26 **WHEREAS**, Bill Warner is an internationally known automotive
27 expert judge, entertaining speaker, and racing driver. He has
28 participated in well-known national and international racing events,
29 including the famous "Sea to Shining Sea" Cannonball (later a movie)
30 and the "One Lap of America" Cannonball. In addition to racing, he
31 restores and collects historically interesting classic sports and

1 race cars; and

2 **WHEREAS**, his interest in classic vehicles, combined with his
3 "golden rolodex" of industry legend racing drivers, designers and
4 manufacturers, led to his founding in 1996 of The Amelia Island
5 Concours d'Elegance, one of the great automotive events of its type
6 in the world. The event annually attracts thousands of local residents
7 and a star-studded international audience of auto enthusiasts, race
8 drivers, collectors and media, and was several times been named
9 "Motoring Event of the Year" by *Octane* magazine; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in its 25-year history the Concours has raised over
11 \$3.7 million for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Spina Bifida
12 Jacksonville, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Shop With
13 Cops Program of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County, which represents
14 just a portion of the contribution that Bill Warner has made to the
15 betterment of the community; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City hereby honors and commends Bill Warner
18 for his countless business, military and charitable contributions to
19 Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida, and thanks him for his
20 generosity. The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is a world class
21 event that effectively introduces our First Coast to an international
22 audience.

23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

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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