

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-725**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE
6 JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THE
7 OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, the authority now known as the Jacksonville
11 Transportation Authority was established in 1955 by the Florida
12 Legislature as the Jacksonville Expressway Authority which built and
13 operated major roads and bridges including the Fuller Warren Bridge,
14 the Isaiah D. Hart Bridge and J. Turner Butler Boulevard; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1971 the Jacksonville Expressway Authority was
16 converted by the Florida Legislature into the Jacksonville
17 Transportation Authority when it expanded its transportation
18 portfolio into mass transit by assuming operation of the private bus
19 system in Jacksonville; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in the succeeding five decades the JTA has tremendously
21 expanded its scope of operations, constructing the Napoleon Bonaparte
22 Broward (Dames Point) Bridge and the Wonderwood Expressway, among
23 many other roadways; constructing and operating the Automated Skyway
24 Express, providing on-demand paratransit service (Connexion Plus),
25 constructing and operating the First Coast Flyer bus rapid transit
26 (BRT) system and taking over operation of the St. Johns River Ferry;
27 and

28 **WHEREAS**, the JTA has been an outstanding partner with the City
29 in many endeavors, including partnering with the City to share local
30 option gas tax revenues to construct a list of Better Jacksonville
31 Plan road projects that were uncompleted with BJP sales tax funding,

1 operating the Stadium Shuttle system to transport fans from remote
2 parking lots to TIAA Bank Field for Jacksonville Jaguars,
3 Florida/Georgia, Gator Bowl and other football games, and supporting
4 downtown redevelopment via transit-oriented development projects; and

5 **WHEREAS**, JTA is recognized as one of the finest transportation
6 authorities in the country, earning a White House Champions of Change
7 Award in 2015, being named the Outstanding Public Transportation
8 System Achievement Award winner from the American Public
9 Transportation Association (APTA) in 2016 and 2020, and earning an
10 APTA Innovation Award in 2021; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates
13 the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, its Executive Director
14 Nathaniel Ford, the JTA board of directors, and the authority's staff
15 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the JTA's creation and
16 extends its best wishes for much continued success in the years to
17 come. The JTA is a vital component of the physical mobility, economic
18 vitality and connectivity of the City of Jacksonville and Northeast
19 Florida.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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