

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-765**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
6 AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF NOTED JACKSONVILLE CIVIL  
7 RIGHTS LEADER LLOYD N. PEARSON, JR.; PROVIDING  
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Lloyd N. Pearson, Jr., a native of Jacksonville,  
11 graduated from Old Stanton High and attended Edward Waters College  
12 before beginning a 35-year career at the U.S. Postal Service,  
13 following in the footsteps of his father Lloyd N. Pearson, Sr.; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pearson had, and still has, a long and distinguished  
15 leadership role in America's struggle for civil rights. A stalwart  
16 of Jacksonville's branch of the NAACP, for many years he chaired  
17 voter registration drives that registered over 65,000 African  
18 Americans as voters, and personally registered over 35,000 of those  
19 new voters; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Lloyd Pearson was also a proponent of direct action to  
21 right wrongs and achieve justice. He organized and marched in many  
22 picket lines to protest segregation and overcome discriminatory  
23 employment practices in Jacksonville businesses and places of public  
24 accommodation. He participated in the famous March on Washington in  
25 1963 and returned in 2013 to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
26 that seminal event in civil rights history; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pearson, a father of 6 children, grandfather of 17  
28 and great-grandfather of 27, is a firm believer in quality education  
29 as a key to success in life, and was very active over several decades  
30 in the fight to desegregate Jacksonville's public schools following  
31 the landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme court in *Brown v. Board of*

1 *Education* that outlawed segregation in public education; and

2       **WHEREAS**, in addition to his many civil rights activities, Lloyd  
3 Pearson was also extremely active in Woodlawn Presbyterian Church  
4 where he was an elder for 52 years, superintendent of the Sunday  
5 School, Sunday School teacher, member of the Trustee Board and in  
6 numerous other leadership capacities, Moderator of the St. Augustine  
7 Presbytery, Moderator of the South Atlantic Synod and numerous other  
8 leadership capacities; and

9       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pearson continues to be an inspiring leader in the  
10 quest for equality, economic and social progress, and civil rights  
11 and liberties for all; now therefore

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

13       **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
14 the life and many achievements of noted Jacksonville civil rights  
15 leader Lloyd N. Pearson, Jr., and thanks him for his countless efforts  
16 to improve the fairness and quality of life for all Jacksonville  
17 residents. The Council extends to Mr. Pearson its best wishes for  
18 continued health, happiness, and advocacy for the causes to which he  
19 has dedicated his long life.

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

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