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Jacksonville, FL, November 16, 2015: The Jacksonville Civic Council, a nonpartisan group of the region's most respected business and civic leaders celebrated its 5th Anniversary last night by welcoming American Enterprise Institute President Arthur E. Brooks for a presentation.

"We are pleased to offer our membership the opportunity to hear Arthur Brooks and his presentation will be especially timely as we celebrate five years of service to the community. Our commitment is to do the hard work that others cannot to make Jacksonville a better place", said Civic Council Chairman Ed Burr.

Brooks is the author of 11 books and hundreds of articles on topics including the role of government, fairness, economic opportunity, happiness, and the morality of free enterprise. His latest book is the New York Times best-seller "[The Conservative Heart: How to Build a Fairer, Happier, and More Prosperous America](#)" (Broadside Books, 2015). Before pursuing his work in public policy, Brooks spent 12 years as a classical musician in the United States and Spain and he is a frequent guest on national television and radio talk shows and has been published widely in publications including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post.

The American Enterprise Institute AEI is a private, nonpartisan, not-for-profit institution dedicated to research and education on issues of government, politics, economics and social welfare. AEI's purpose is to serve leaders and the public through research and education on the most important issues of the day.

The Jacksonville Civic Council was founded five years ago and has been at the forefront of many of the community's most challenging issues including working to establish an autonomous, funded authority devoted to downtown Jacksonville development, working toward resolution of the underfunding the Jacksonville's Police and Fire Pension Plan, establishing a patient capital fund – in partnership with the Jacksonville Chamber and other organizations to facilitate the development and financing of important real estate projects in downtown Jacksonville, working to find a solution for the chronic underfunding of UF Health and many other important initiatives.

During its existence, three prominent members of the Jacksonville civic community have led the organization. These include Peter Rummell, Steve Halverson and Ed Burr is the Council's current Chair.

For more information about the Jacksonville Civic Council, its mission and its membership, please visit www.jaxciviccouncil.com.

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