

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-41**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OTIS ANDERSON, JR.;
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville native Otis Anderson, Jr. was a star
10 football player and track athlete at University Christian School. He
11 led the Fighting Christians to Class 2A state championships in
12 football in 2015 and 2016, gained more than 1,000 yards in both those
13 seasons, was named to the Class 2A All-State First Team as a senior,
14 and also won district and regional titles in the 100-meter and 200-
15 meter dashes during his high school career; and

16 **WHEREAS**, following his stellar high school career, he attended
17 the University of Central Florida where he was again an outstanding
18 performer at running back and punt returner, leading the Knights to
19 an undefeated season in 2017 and American Athletic Conference
20 championships in 2017 and 2018, while being named the conference's
21 top punt returner as a junior and a second-team All-Conference running
22 back as a senior; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Otis Anderson signed a free-agent contract with the Los
24 Angeles Rams and earned a spot on the team's practice squad before
25 being released early in the regular season; and

26 **WHEREAS**, since his recent tragic death, tributes to Mr. Anderson
27 from his friends and former teammates, coaches and school officials
28 at University Christian, UCF and the Rams have all echoed the same
29 themes - that while he was an outstanding athlete, he was more
30 importantly a charismatic, friendly, bright and vivacious person and
31 a loyal teammate and classmate. Despite his relatively small stature

1 he was a fierce and determined competitor on the field, but was a
2 genuine and selfless friend away from the game and a source of great
3 joy to everyone who knew him; and

4 **WHEREAS**, at this sorrowful time, the City Council wishes to
5 express its sympathy to Otis Anderson Jr.'s legion of family, friends
6 and former teammates; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council honors and commemorates the
9 all-too-brief life and outstanding achievements of Otis Anderson, Jr.
10 both as an athlete and as a person, and extends to his family, former
11 teammates and coaches, and his countless admirers the City's most
12 sincere condolences on his passing. His radiant personality,
13 competitive spirit, and true friendship will be greatly missed and
14 long and fondly remembered.

15 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

22 Office of General Counsel

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