

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-288**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
7 ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH WILLIE JAMES GREEN,  
8 JR.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS,** Willie James Green, Jr., graduated from Ribault High  
11 School where he played linebacker on the Trojans football team and  
12 thereafter served his country honorably in the United States Marine  
13 Corps; and

14 **WHEREAS,** for the past 18 years Mr. Green served as an assistant  
15 football coach for Trinity Christian Academy and was an important  
16 contributor on the coaching staff that led the Conquerors to seven  
17 of their nine state football championships; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Coach Green was universally lauded by fellow coaches,  
19 players, parents, alumni, and fans as a model coach, full of energy  
20 and enthusiasm for the game, and interested as much, if not more, in  
21 guiding and shaping young men into responsible, productive citizens  
22 as in winning football games; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Coach Green was a man of deep faith, which he freely  
24 shared and put into action through his founding of a group home known  
25 as "Panama Youth Services" that strived to assist at-risk, violent  
26 or troubled youth; and

27 **WHEREAS,** Willie Green was a loving husband to his wife  
28 Chatelayne Green, a devoted father to his children, Whitlie Green,  
29 Dannel Larkins and Dannikka Larkins, and grandfather to Raylie Green,  
30 and a model coach, mentor and friend; and

31 **WHEREAS,** with his recent untimely passing, the City of

1 Jacksonville has lost a passionate, inspiring coach, mentor and  
2 advocate for countless young people whose lives he touched; now  
3 therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
6 the life and accomplishments of Trinity Christian Academy assistant  
7 football coach Willie James Green, Jr., and extends its sincere  
8 condolences to his family, friends, players and many admirers. Mr.  
9 Green was a model coach, mentor and friend, and his positive influence  
10 on the young men he coached and inspired will be a lasting tribute  
11 to his memory.

12 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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16 Form Approved:

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18           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

19 Office of General Counsel

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