

1 Introduced by Council Members Hazouri and Boylan:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-255**

5 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING "CHUCK ROGERS PARK",
6 LOCATED AT 11950 SAN JOSE BOULEVARD,
7 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32223, IN DISTRICT 6, AS
8 "ROGERS PARK" TO RECOGNIZE THE MANY
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO YOUTH SPORTS OF
10 CHUCK ROGERS AND HIS SON, CORKY ROGERS;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Chuck Rogers Park, located at 11950 San Jose Boulevard,
14 in Council District 6, was named for Charles Buxton "Chuck" Rogers,
15 III, who worked for the City's Parks and Recreation Department for
16 41 years; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Chuck Rogers started and ran the City's youth leagues
18 in all sports, was the guiding light in the tremendous rise of slow-
19 pitch softball in the City, served for many years as the grand marshal
20 for the City's parades, and was inducted into the Jacksonville Sports
21 Hall of Fame; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Charles Buxton "Corky" Rogers, IV, son of Chuck Rogers,
23 was a three-sport athlete in high school, attended Georgia Tech on a
24 football scholarship and eventually returned to Jacksonville where
25 he began his storied career as a high school football coach; and

26 **WHEREAS**, as head coach, Corky Rogers led his Lee High School
27 football team to 10 consecutive district titles from 1977 to 1986,
28 and when he left Lee High School after the 1988 season to coach the
29 Bolles School football program, the Bolles Bulldogs went on to win
30 10 state championships under his leadership between 1989 and 2011;
31 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Corky Rogers is recognized as the winningest coach in
2 Florida high school football history and the fifth winningest coach
3 in the nation and received multiple coaching accolades throughout his
4 coaching career in Florida and nationally; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Corky Rogers passed away at the age of 76 on February
6 26, 2020; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to honor the legacy of Chuck and
8 Corky Rogers and their dedication to youth sports programs in
9 Jacksonville by renaming "Chuck Rogers Park" to be known as "Rogers
10 Park" in order to recognize the contribution of both of these great
11 men to Jacksonville's youth sports programs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 122.105, *Ordinance Code*, for
13 renaming of the park have been met; the public hearings have been
14 held and the Planning and Development Department has submitted its
15 report to the Council; now, therefore

16 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

17 **Section 1.** "Chuck Rogers Park," located at 11950 San Jose
18 Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32223 in District 6, is hereby
19 renamed "Rogers Park" in recognition of the many contributions to
20 youth sports programs and to honor the legacy of Chuck Rogers and his
21 son, Corky Rogers.

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall
23 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
24 effective without the Mayor's signature.

25 Form Approved

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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