

Introduced by Council Member Pittman:

RESOLUTION 2025-668

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE UNITY
FOOTBALL CLASSIC AND RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY AND
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY IN CELEBRATING
COMMUNITY, UNITY, AND EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Unity Football Classic will hold its Inaugural
Celebration in Jacksonville during the weekend of September 12-13,
2025, featuring a spirited matchup between Edward Waters University
and Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, this historic event includes the Unity Kick-Off
Luncheon at Edward Waters University and the Unity Football Game
Halftime Recognition at the Nathaniel Glover Community Field &
Stadium, celebrating outstanding community leaders and fostering
unity across Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Football Classic seeks to highlight the
cultural heritage and community spirit of Jacksonville, providing a
platform to honor exemplary service by local leaders while promoting
awareness and appreciation for African American history, education,
and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Edward Waters University, Florida's first Historically
Black College and University (HBCU), has a proud legacy of academic
excellence and community leadership, while Virginia Union University
shares a rich tradition of higher education and athletic distinction;
and

WHEREAS, the Unity Football Classic will bring together

1 students, alumni, faculty, and community members in a weekend of
2 celebration that honors the contributions of both institutions and
3 strengthens the bonds of unity within the City of Jacksonville; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends the
7 Unity Football Classic, Edward Waters University, and Virginia Union
8 University for their role in advancing educational opportunities,
9 athletic excellence, and community unity and recognizes the
10 importance of cultural and historical celebrations such as the Unity
11 Football Classic in strengthening Jacksonville's identity as a
12 diverse and vibrant city.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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