

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Becton, Morgan, Carrico, Bowman, Priestly Jackson,  
3 Newby, Ferraro & Freeman:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-126-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING  
8 JACKSONVILLE NATIVE LEROY BUTLER ON HIS ELECTION  
9 TO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME; PROVIDING AN  
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS**, LeRoy Butler, a native of Jacksonville, grew up in  
13 public housing and suffered from leg deformities that required  
14 surgery, leg braces, and confinement to a wheelchair during the  
15 healing process. Through perseverance and with the encouragement of  
16 his mother Eunice he overcame those physical challenges and a learning  
17 disability to become a star athlete at Lee High School where he played  
18 for the legendary Coach Corky Rogers; and

19 **WHEREAS**, his high school success led to a scholarship offer from  
20 Florida State University where he became a Seminole great as a  
21 cornerback under another legendary coach, Bobby Bowden. Collegiate  
22 success led to his being a second-round draft pick of the Green Bay  
23 Packers in 1990 where he spent his entire distinguished 12-year  
24 career, moving from cornerback to safety and becoming one of the  
25 dominant players at that position in his era; and

26 **WHEREAS**, LeRoy Butler had a career full of superlatives. He was  
27 the first NFL player to record 20 interceptions and 20 quarterback  
28 sacks in a career, is still the only player in NFL history with at  
29 least three sacks and three interceptions in three straight seasons,  
30 and is one of only four defensive backs in league annals with at  
31 least 35 interceptions and 20 sacks in a career. His performance was

1 rewarded with 4 selections as an All-Pro and a place on the NFL's  
2 1990s All-Decade Team; and

3 **WHEREAS**, a legendary and beloved figure in Green Bay, Mr. Butler  
4 is credited with creating the Lambeau Leap after scoring a touchdown  
5 on a fumble recovery in 1993, sharing his excitement with the Lambeau  
6 faithful and starting a tradition that continues to be followed by  
7 Packers players to this day; and

8 **WHEREAS**, after a long and testing wait, LeRoy Butler has joined  
9 the likes of Jacksonville-born legends Bob Hayes, Brian Dawkins and  
10 Harold Carmichael with his recent election to the Pro Football Hall  
11 of Fame, a fitting recognition of his outstanding career; now  
12 therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends  
15 LeRoy Butler for his election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame and  
16 congratulates him on his outstanding football career. Mr. Butler's  
17 success as a result of his tenacity and perseverance in overcoming  
18 severe childhood obstacles stands as a shining example to everyone  
19 facing challenges that success is possible with hard work and faith  
20 in pursuit of a worthy goal.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

28 Office of General Counsel

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