

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Miller, Lahnen, Gaffney, Jr., Johnson, Howland, Boylan,
3 Freeman, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Amaro:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-46-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE
8 RAINES HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS FOOTBALL TEAM ON AN
9 OUTSTANDING SEASON AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
10 CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** the Raines Vikings High School football team
14 assembled yet another outstanding football season in 2024, finishing
15 the regular season undefeated at 9-0 with many of the wins coming by
16 large margins and winning another district title in the process; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the victories continued to pile up in the playoffs,
18 with the Vikings defeating Panama City's Bay High School 53-14 in the
19 first round, Wakulla High School by a score of 63-7 in the regional
20 semifinal, and Bishop Kenny High School 44-15 in the Region 1 final
21 to reach the state final four; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Raines Vikings faced a stern challenge from
23 Sarasota's Booker High School in the state semi-final, rallying from
24 a 23-14 halftime deficit in a frenzied game to hold the Tornadoes
25 scoreless in the second half and score two touchdowns to claim a
26 28-23 victory and a sixth trip to the state championship game in
27 school history following wins in the title games in 1997, 2017 and
28 2018; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Raines football team is Jacksonville's most
30 successful public high school in FHSAA playoffs and the 2018 team is
31 only the third Duval County public school football team to cap an

1 undefeated season with a state championship, following in the
2 footsteps of Raines' undefeated team of 1997 and Matthew Gilbert High
3 School in 1958; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the Raines High School Vikings' outstanding season
5 brought tremendous excitement and pride to the city, and the players,
6 coaches, and school staff should be proud of their team's inspiring
7 performance; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates
10 the Raines Vikings High School football team on an outstanding season
11 and on its participation in the FHSAA Class 3A championship game.
12 Head Coach and alumnus Donovan Masline and his coaching staff, school
13 principal and alumnus Vincent Hall and his staff, the players,
14 cheerleaders, band, student body, booster club, and community
15 supporters should all take tremendous pride in this outstanding
16 achievement and look forward with great anticipation to another season
17 of success in 2025.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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