

1 Introduced by Council Members Morgan and Priestly Jackson and Co-
2 Sponsored by Council Member Newby, Hazouri, Becton and Dennis:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-782-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 LIFE AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COACH
8 NATHANIEL WASHINGTON; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
9 DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Washington, a Jacksonville native,
12 graduated from Old Stanton High School and earned his bachelor's
13 degree at Florida Normal College (now known as Florida Memorial
14 University) and his master's degree from New York University; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington enlisted in the US Navy and served in
16 World War II, then after the war returned to Jacksonville to begin
17 a long and celebrated career as a teacher and coach, originally at
18 Matthew Gilbert High School where he coached legendary athlete,
19 Olympic gold medalist and Super Bowl winner "Bullet" Bob Hayes and
20 later at Douglas Anderson High School; and

21 **WHEREAS**, while at Douglas Anderson High School, Coach
22 Washington conceived and organized, with the assistance of other
23 local high school coaches and athletic directors and the City's
24 Parks and Recreation Department, the first Bob Hayes Invitational
25 Track and Field Meet. From a modest beginning in 1965 with five
26 local high schools participating, the Bob Hayes Track Meet has
27 grown into the largest one-day outdoor track meet in the country,
28 attracting thousands of athletes from more than 150 high schools
29 and middle schools across the United States, Canada and the
30 Caribbean; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in addition to serving 58 years as a teacher and
2 coach, Nathaniel Washington was also the owner/operator of Patti's
3 Daddy's Restaurant and Quik Stop, was Deacon Emeritus of his
4 church, and was a member of the Florida Memorial University Alumni
5 Association, where he formerly served as Trustee and Life Member of
6 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and

7 **WHEREAS**, while he is perhaps best known for his role in
8 founding the Bob Hayes Invitational Track and Field Meet, Coach
9 Washington will be most appropriately remembered as an outstanding
10 teacher and mentor who impacted the lives of thousands of young men
11 and women who had the privilege of being the recipients of his
12 wisdom, guidance, and care over the years; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
15 commemorates the life and countless accomplishments of Coach
16 Nathaniel Washington upon the occasion of his passing and extends
17 to Coach Washington's family, friends and admirers its sincere
18 gratitude. Coach Washington was a towering figure in Jacksonville's
19 educational and sporting history and his contributions will be long
20 and gratefully remembered by all whose lives he touched.

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/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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