

1 Introduced by Council Members Priestly Jackson, Dennis, Gaffney,
2 Newby, Hazouri, Freeman, Morgan, Bowman, Pittman and amended by the
3 Rules Committee:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-710-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAINES AND RIBAULT HIGH
8 SCHOOLS NORTHWEST CLASSIC FOOTBALL GAME;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Jean Ribault High School was opened in November 1957
12 and William M. Raines High School opened in January 1965 just five-
13 eighths of a mile apart, and the schools have been academic and
14 athletic partners and rivals for fifty years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Ribault Trojans and Raines Vikings football teams
16 will meet on the gridiron in the Northwest Classic for the 50th
17 time on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The game will be televised on
18 WJXT Channel 4, allowing the entire city to enjoy the festivities
19 and excitement that accompany the game; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the partnership and rivalry have been hard-fought
21 over the years, with the Raines Vikings currently holding a 35-14
22 lead in the series as it reaches its golden anniversary; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Classic is one of the highlights of
24 Jacksonville's athletic calendar each year, featuring stellar
25 academic programs, traditionally strong football teams with a
26 history of great players, outstanding marching bands and
27 cheerleaders, and the kind of excitement and pageantry that only a
28 true neighborhood rivalry can produce; now therefore

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

30 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and

1 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Northwest Classic football
2 game between Ribault and Raines High Schools, and extends to the
3 students, alumni, faculty, staff, Duval County Public Schools, fans
4 and supporters of the two schools the City's best wishes for
5 continued academic and athletic success in the years to come. The
6 Northwest Classic is one of the highlights of the year in
7 Jacksonville, and is a source of tremendous pride and excitement
8 for the city as a whole.

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Paige Hobbs Johnston

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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