

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Pittman, Becton, Bowman, Diamond, Howland & Priestly  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-183-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
8 AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JACKSONVILLE-BORN NFL STAR  
9 KENNY BURROUGH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Kenneth Othell Burrough, a Jacksonville native,  
12 attended Northwestern High School until his senior year when Raines  
13 High School opened its doors. Playing in the school's inaugural season  
14 for the legendary Coach W. Earl Kitchings, Sr., Burrough quarterbacked  
15 the team to an 8-1-1 record and a conference championship; and

16 **WHEREAS**, while Mr. Burrough attended Texas Southern University  
17 in Houston, his blazing speed was put to work as a wide receiver. He  
18 still ranks in the top 10 in school history for receptions, receiving  
19 yards and touchdowns, was named an All-American in 1969, entered the  
20 university's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996, and in 2016 was inducted  
21 into the Black College Hall of Fame; and

22 **WHEREAS**, a first-round pick in the 1970 NFL draft by the New  
23 Orleans Saints, Kenny Burrough achieved his fame as one of the most  
24 dynamic wide receivers in NFL history with the Houston Oilers on the  
25 artificial turf of the Astrodome. Playing from 1971 to 1981, "Double  
26 Zero" (his uniform number) led the NFL in receiving yards in 1977 and  
27 was named to the All-Pro Team in 1975 and 1977, joining the ranks of  
28 other great Jacksonville-born NFL wide receivers of that era including  
29 "Bullet" Bob Hayes and Harold Carmichael; and

30 **WHEREAS**, following his retirement from pro football, Mr.  
31 Burrough coached high school football in Alabama, ran a semi-pro

1 football team, and served as a radio broadcaster for Texas Southern;  
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Kenny Burrough inspired a generation of young athletes  
4 in Jacksonville to follow his example and to earn college scholarships  
5 by using their football talents to leverage themselves for productive  
6 lives after a career in sports; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
9 the life and achievements of former NFL star receiver Kenny Burrough  
10 on the occasion of his passing, and extends to his family, friends  
11 and many admirers the City's sincere condolences on his passing. He  
12 represented the city with pride and dignity, and his contributions  
13 will be long and gratefully remembered.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

21 Office of General Counsel

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