

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-183**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
6 AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JACKSONVILLE-BORN NFL STAR
7 KENNY BURROUGH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Kenneth Othell Burrough, a Jacksonville native,
10 attended Northwestern High School until his senior year when Raines
11 High School opened its doors. Playing in the school's inaugural season
12 for the legendary Coach W. Earl Kitchings, Sr., Burrough quarterbacked
13 the team to an 8-1-1 record and a conference championship; and

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

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

28 **WHEREAS**, following his retirement from pro football, Mr.
29 Burrough coached high school football in Alabama, ran a semi-pro
30 football team, and served as a radio broadcaster for Texas Southern;
31 and

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

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

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

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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