

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Becton, Bowman, Newby, Pittman, Priestly Jackson, Dennis,
3 Boylan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Salem and Morgan:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-768**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
8 2020 RIBAULT COLTS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM
9 FOR WINNING THE DUVAL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
10 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAVING BACK-TO-BACK
11 UNDEFEATED SEASONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
12 DATE
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14 **WHEREAS**, 2020 has brought a unique set of challenges to all
15 areas of life. Middle school sports, like everything else, has felt
16 the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One team, however, managed to
17 persevere through the adversity and complete a perfect season; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Ribault Colts Middle School Football Team
19 finished the 2020 season the same way that they ended the 2019
20 regular season, undefeated. The only thing missing for the Colts
21 was a Championship win. They had the chance to achieve a perfect
22 season by making it to the 2020 Duval County Middle School Football
23 Championship where they faced off against the Landmark Seahawks;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, in the Championship game, the Colts took an early 14-
26 0 lead. The Seahawks responded with an impressive seventy-five-yard
27 touchdown kickoff return and two-point conversion that made the
28 score 14-8. The Colts relentless defense, a touchdown punt return,
29 and late touchdown drive made the final score 26-8 in favor of the
30 Ribault Colts and sealed the Championship win; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Championship victory gives the Ribault Colts a

1 perfect season and a reason to celebrate in 2020. Despite the
2 victory being a team effort, one player, Naeem Burroughs, stood out
3 the most and was named the Championship Game's Most Valuable Player
4 (MVP); now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
7 commemorates the 2020 Ribault Colts Middle School Football Team for
8 winning the Duval County Middle School Football Championship and
9 having back-to-back undefeated seasons.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Anthony J. Baltiero, City Council Research

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