

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Freeman, Morgan, Becton, Newby, White and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-288-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE
7 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
8 ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH WILLIE JAMES GREEN,
9 JR.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS,** Willie James Green, Jr., graduated from Ribault High
12 School where he played linebacker on the Trojans football team and
13 thereafter served his country honorably in the United States Marine
14 Corps; and

15 **WHEREAS,** for the past 18 years Mr. Green served as an assistant
16 football coach for Trinity Christian Academy and was an important
17 contributor on the coaching staff that led the Conquerors to seven
18 of their nine state football championships; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Coach Green was universally lauded by fellow coaches,
20 players, parents, alumni, and fans as a model coach, full of energy
21 and enthusiasm for the game, and interested as much, if not more, in
22 guiding and shaping young men into responsible, productive citizens
23 as in winning football games; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Coach Green was a man of deep faith, which he freely
25 shared and put into action through his founding of a group home known
26 as "Panama Youth Services" that strived to assist at-risk, violent
27 or troubled youth; and

28 **WHEREAS,** Willie Green was a loving husband to his wife
29 Chatelayne Green, a devoted father to his children, Whitlee Green,
30 Dannel Larkins and Dannikka Larkins, and grandfather to Raylie Green,
31 and a model coach, mentor and friend; and

1 **WHEREAS,** with his recent untimely passing, the City of
2 Jacksonville has lost a passionate, inspiring coach, mentor and
3 advocate for countless young people whose lives he touched; now
4 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 accomplishments of Trinity Christian Academy assistant
8 football coach Willie James Green, Jr., and extends its sincere
9 condolences to his family, friends, players and many admirers. Mr.
10 Green was a model coach, mentor and friend, and his positive influence
11 on the young men he coached and inspired will be a lasting tribute
12 to his memory.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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