

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Becton, Bowman, Boylan, Carlucci, Cumber, DeFoor, Dennis,  
3 Diamond, Ferraro, Gaffney, Hazouri, Morgan, Newby, Pittman,  
4 Priestly Jackson, Salem, White and Wilson and amended by the Rules  
5 Committee and amended on the Floor of Council:  
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8 **RESOLUTION 2020-272-A**

9 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE LIFE  
10 OF GRAMMY-NOMINATED AMERICAN GOSPEL MUSICIAN  
11 TROY SNEED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed was an American gospel musician that  
14 started his music career in 1999 with the release of Call Jesus and  
15 he called Jacksonville, Florida home. Sneed said he felt that  
16 Jacksonville was where he needed to be. He said if he could be  
17 successful in Jacksonville, he could be "King of the Hill"; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed was born on December 14, 1967, in Perry,  
19 Florida. He played football while in college at Florida A&M  
20 University though an injury on the field would put an end to his  
21 playing days. During his time at FAMU, he was appointed minister of  
22 music for the choir. Sneed traveled around the United States with  
23 the choir as they performed with gospel luminaries such as James  
24 Moore, LaShun Pace, Dorothy Norwood and the Rev. James Cleveland;  
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, Savoy Records executive Rev. Milton Biggham offered  
27 him a position as the Georgia Mass Choir's Assistant Minister of  
28 Music. During his time there, he traveled with the choir, arranged  
29 music on their albums and appeared with them in the Denzel  
30 Washington and Whitney Houston 1996 film, The Preacher's Wife; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed had an impressive history on the Billboard  
2 charts. Seven of his albums hit the Top Gospel Albums chart,  
3 including A State of Worship, In His Presence, In Due Season, My  
4 Heart Says Yes, All Is Well, Awesome God and Taking It Back; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed had 10 uplifting tunes that hit the Hot  
6 Gospel Songs chart, half of which were in the top 10 including  
7 "Hallelujah," "Work It Out," "My Heart Says Yes," "Lay It Down" and  
8 "Kept by His Grace"; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed married Emily Frances on July 2, 1993, and  
10 together they resided in Jacksonville, Florida with their four  
11 children, Troy Jr., Evany, Trey and Tyler. Sneed and his wife,  
12 Emily, started their own record label Entro, which is a blend of  
13 their first names. Their label became a success with a roster of  
14 artists from Alvin Darling & Celebration and the Rev. Rudolph  
15 McKissick; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed passed away early on April 27<sup>th</sup> due to  
17 coronavirus complications; now therefore

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

19           **Section 1.**           The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates and  
20 honors the life of Grammy-nominated gospel singer Troy Sneed and  
21 extends its sincere condolences to his family, friends, and legion  
22 of admirers.

23           **Section 2.           Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

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27 Form Approved:

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29 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

30 Office of General Counsel

31 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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