

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem and Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-126**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING
6 JACKSONVILLE NATIVE LEROY BUTLER ON HIS ELECTION
7 TO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, LeRoy Butler, a native of Jacksonville, grew up in
11 public housing and suffered from leg deformities that required
12 surgery, leg braces, and confinement to a wheelchair during the
13 healing process. Through perseverance and with the encouragement of
14 his mother Eunice he overcame those physical challenges and a learning
15 disability to become a star athlete at Lee High School where he played
16 for the legendary Coach Corky Rogers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, his high school success led to a scholarship offer from
18 Florida State University where he became a Seminole great as a
19 cornerback under another legendary coach, Bobby Bowden. Collegiate
20 success led to his being a second-round draft pick of the Green Bay
21 Packers in 1990 where he spent his entire distinguished 12-year
22 career, moving from cornerback to safety and becoming one of the
23 dominant players at that position in his era; and

24 **WHEREAS**, LeRoy Butler had a career full of superlatives. He was
25 the first NFL player to record 20 interceptions and 20 quarterback
26 sacks in a career, is still the only player in NFL history with at
27 least three sacks and three interceptions in three straight seasons,
28 and is one of only four defensive backs in league annals with at
29 least 35 interceptions and 20 sacks in a career. His performance was
30 rewarded with 4 selections as an All-Pro and a place on the NFL's
31 1990s All-Decade Team; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a legendary and beloved figure in Green Bay, Mr. Butler
2 is credited with creating the Lambeau Leap after scoring a touchdown
3 on a fumble recovery in 1993, sharing his excitement with the Lambeau
4 faithful and starting a tradition that continues to be followed by
5 Packers players to this day; and

6 **WHEREAS**, after a long and testing wait, LeRoy Butler has joined
7 the likes of Jacksonville-born legends Bob Hayes, Brian Dawkins and
8 Harold Carmichael with his recent election to the Pro Football Hall
9 of Fame, a fitting recognition of his outstanding career; now
10 therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
13 LeRoy Butler for his election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame and
14 congratulates him on his outstanding football career. Mr. Butler's
15 success as a result of his tenacity and perseverance in overcoming
16 severe childhood obstacles stands as a shining example to everyone
17 facing challenges that success is possible with hard work and faith
18 in pursuit of a worthy goal.

19 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 _____/s/ Paige H. Johnston_____
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27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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