

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman and Morgan:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-858**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE FORCE FOR  
6 WINNING THE 2021 WOMEN'S AMERICAN BASKETBALL  
7 ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND  
8 CONGRATULATING THE TEAM'S WABA ALL-STARS,  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Force, North Florida's first Women's  
12 American Basketball Association (WABA) team, ended their first  
13 regular season with a 9-1 record following a 107 to 63 win over the  
14 Montgomery, Alabama Lady Magic on September 19th. That win secured  
15 their spot in the WABA playoffs held in Augusta, Georgia. The  
16 Jacksonville Force is a newly formed professional women's basketball  
17 team. The team's first season began this past July and with the  
18 momentum of the playoffs and a seat on the All-Star team for some of  
19 its players, they look forward to becoming a staple in the women's  
20 movement and Jacksonville community for years to come; and

21 **WHEREAS**, three of the Jacksonville Force team players were named  
22 to the WABA All Star Team for 2021: #15 Antionette Bannister, #44  
23 Destiny Campbell, and #3 Shaquita Snow. The All-Star Weekend was  
24 October 22-24 in Augusta, Georgia with the 1st Annual WABA All-Star  
25 Game on October 24, at Butler High School, in Augusta; and

26 **WHEREAS**, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> the Jacksonville Force won the 2021 WABA  
27 National Championship 85-79 over the Midwest Sound, during the  
28 league's inaugural Final 4 & All-Star Weekend in Augusta, Georgia.  
29 The game's final score was the closest final the young league has  
30 recorded to date although the Jacksonville Force led from start to  
31 finish; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Force is creating an environment which  
2 allows for women to have more opportunities through basketball in  
3 Jacksonville as well as empowering all female athletes to pursue  
4 their interests in sports; now therefore

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

6       **Section 1.**       The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the  
7 Jacksonville Force for winning the 2021 Women's American Basketball  
8 Association National Championship and congratulates Antionette  
9 Bannister, Destiny Campbell, and Shaquita Snow on being named to the  
10 2021 WABA All-Star Team.

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

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15 Form Approved:

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17          /s/ Paige H. Johnston       
18 Office of General Counsel

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