

Introduced by Council Members Freeman and Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Salem, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Bowman, Cumber, Dennis, Diamond, White & Becton:

RESOLUTION 2021-858-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE FORCE FOR WINNING THE 2021 WOMEN'S AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND CONGRATULATING THE TEAM'S WABA ALL-STARS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Force, North Florida's first Women's American Basketball Association (WABA) team, ended their first regular season with a 9-1 record following a 107 to 63 win over the Montgomery, Alabama Lady Magic on September 19th. That win secured their spot in the WABA playoffs held in Augusta, Georgia. The Jacksonville Force is a newly formed professional women's basketball team. The team's first season began this past July and with the momentum of the playoffs and a seat on the All-Star team for some of its players, they look forward to becoming a staple in the women's movement and Jacksonville community for years to come; and

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

WHEREAS, on October 23rd the Jacksonville Force won the 2021 WABA National Championship 85-79 over the Midwest Sound, during the league's inaugural Final 4 & All-Star Weekend in Augusta, Georgia. The game's final score was the closest final the young league has

1 recorded to date although the Jacksonville Force led from start to
2 finish; and

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

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
9 Jacksonville Force for winning the 2021 Women's American Basketball
10 Association National Championship and congratulates Antionette
11 Bannister, Destiny Campbell, and Shaquita Snow on being named to the
12 2021 WABA All-Star Team.

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/ Paige H. Johnston

20 Office of General Counsel

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