

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Becton, Newby, and Bowman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-41-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
7 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OTIS ANDERSON, JR. ;  
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville native Otis Anderson, Jr. was a star  
11 football player and track athlete at University Christian School. He  
12 led the Fighting Christians to Class 2A state championships in  
13 football in 2015 and 2016, gained more than 1,000 yards in both those  
14 seasons, was named to the Class 2A All-State First Team as a senior,  
15 and also won district and regional titles in the 100-meter and 200-  
16 meter dashes during his high school career; and

17 **WHEREAS**, following his stellar high school career, he attended  
18 the University of Central Florida where he was again an outstanding  
19 performer at running back and punt returner, leading the Knights to  
20 an undefeated season in 2017 and American Athletic Conference  
21 championships in 2017 and 2018, while being named the conference's  
22 top punt returner as a junior and a second-team All-Conference running  
23 back as a senior; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Otis Anderson signed a free-agent contract with the Los  
25 Angeles Rams and earned a spot on the team's practice squad before  
26 being released early in the regular season; and

27 **WHEREAS**, since his recent tragic death, tributes to Mr. Anderson  
28 from his friends and former teammates, coaches and school officials  
29 at University Christian, UCF and the Rams have all echoed the same  
30 themes - that while he was an outstanding athlete, he was more  
31 importantly a charismatic, friendly, bright and vivacious person and

1 a loyal teammate and classmate. Despite his relatively small stature  
2 he was a fierce and determined competitor on the field, but was a  
3 genuine and selfless friend away from the game and a source of great  
4 joy to everyone who knew him; and

5 **WHEREAS,** at this sorrowful time, the City Council wishes to  
6 express its sympathy to Otis Anderson Jr.'s legion of family, friends  
7 and former teammates; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council honors and commemorates the  
10 all-too-brief life and outstanding achievements of Otis Anderson, Jr.  
11 both as an athlete and as a person, and extends to his family, former  
12 teammates and coaches, and his countless admirers the City's most  
13 sincere condolences on his passing. His radiant personality,  
14 competitive spirit, and true friendship will be greatly missed and  
15 long and fondly remembered.

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22           /s/ Margaret M. Sidman          

23 Office of General Counsel

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