

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Becton, Morgan, Carrico, DeFoor, Diamond, Bowman, Ferraro, Newby &
3 Freeman:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-130-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING
8 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS GREAT TONY BOSELLI ON THE
9 HONOR OF BEING ELECTED TO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL
10 OF FAME AND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
11 THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Tony Boselli, a native of Modesto, California,
15 graduated from Fairview High School in Boulder, Colorado and earned
16 a football scholarship to the University of Southern California,
17 where he was a first-team All-Pac 10 and first-team All-American
18 selection after the 1992, 1993 and 1994 seasons as a dominating
19 offensive tackle; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1995 Mr. Boselli was the second
21 selection in the NFL Draft and the first-ever draft choice of the
22 brand-new Jacksonville Jaguars franchise, serving as the foundation
23 on which the team's success was to be built. He met those expectations
24 completely, proving to be one of the best linemen of his era and
25 being voted to five consecutive Pro Bowls (1997-2001), a first-team
26 All-Pro selection from 1997 through 1999, and voted as a member of
27 the NFL's All-Decade Team for the 1990s. He was the first Jaguar
28 enshrined in the team's Ring of Honor in 2006; and

29 **WHEREAS**, following an unfortunately early retirement after only
30 7 seasons due to a serious shoulder injury, Tony Boselli embarked on
31 a varied and successful business career, owning bedding stores,

1 restaurants, and a marketing and advertising firm in partnerships
2 with several of his former teammates and becoming a respected football
3 broadcaster for the Fox network, Westwood One, and currently as a
4 color commentator on the Jaguars' radio broadcast team; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his business interests, Mr. Boselli has
6 been heavily involved in work with and on behalf of young people in
7 the city. He and his wife Angi created the Boselli Foundation when
8 they first arrived in Jacksonville to work with at-risk youth and
9 help them to cultivate high self-esteem and to succeed at home, at
10 school and at play. He has also been an assistant football coach at
11 Episcopal High School with former Jaguars quarterback great Mark
12 Brunell; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Tony Boselli's impact on the game of football was
14 recently recognized with his election to the Pro Football Hall of
15 Fame, the ultimate recognition for an NFL player, where he will be
16 enshrined with the legends of the game; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
19 Jacksonville Jaguar great Tony Boselli on his election to the Pro
20 Football Hall of Fame and congratulates him on this outstanding
21 recognition of his incomparable football career. The Council also
22 commends and thanks Mr. Boselli for his outstanding work on behalf
23 of young people in Jacksonville and his dedication to the well-being
24 of the Jacksonville community.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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