

1 Introduced by Council Members Priestly Jackson, Dennis, Gaffney and
2 Newby and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Hazouri, Freeman, Morgan
3 Pittman and Bowman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-710**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAINES AND RIBAULT HIGH
8 SCHOOLS NORTHWEST CLASSIC FOOTBALL GAME;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Jean Ribault High School was opened in November 1957
12 and William M. Raines High School opened in January 1965 just one
13 mile away across Moncrief Road, and the schools have been academic
14 and athletic rivals since the second school opened its doors; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Ribault Trojans and Raines Vikings football teams
16 will meet on the gridiron in the Northwest Classic for the 50th time
17 this year, in October rather than as the traditional closing game
18 of the regular season this year because the teams are paired in the
19 same division. The game will be televised on WJXT Channel 4,
20 allowing the entire city to enjoy the festivities and excitement
21 that accompany the game; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the rivalry has been hard-fought over the years, with
23 the Raines Vikings currently holding a 35-14 lead in the series as
24 it reaches its golden anniversary; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Classic is one of the highlights of the
26 Jacksonville's athletic calendar each year, featuring traditionally
27 strong football teams with a history of great players, outstanding
28 marching bands and cheerleaders, and the kind of excitement and
29 pageantry that only a true neighborhood rivalry can produce; now
30 therefore

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

1 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
2 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Northwest Classic football
3 game between Raines and Ribault High Schools, and extends to the
4 students, faculty, staff, fans and supporters of the two schools
5 the City's best wishes for continued academic and athletic success
6 in the years to come. The Northwest Classic is one of the
7 highlights of the year in Jacksonville, and is a source of
8 tremendous pride and excitement for the city as a whole.

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

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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