

1 Introduced by Council Members Ferraro, Freeman and Hazouri & Co-  
2 Sponsored by Council Members Morgan, Pittman, DeFoor, Newby,  
3 Carlucci, Boylan, Diamond, Becton, Wilson & Salem:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-194-A**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING AND CELEBRATING THE  
8 LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF LEGENDARY HIGH SCHOOL  
9 COACH AND PILLAR OF THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY  
10 CORKY ROGERS FOLLOWING HIS RECENT PASSING;  
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Charles Buxton "Corky" Rogers, IV, was born in Michigan  
14 where his father was stationed during World War II. His family soon  
15 returned to their hometown of Jacksonville where his father was first  
16 a journalist and then a long-time employee of the City's parks  
17 department. Corky Rogers graduated from Lee High School as a three-  
18 sport athlete playing on the Generals' 1960 unofficial state  
19 championship football team, the 1961 baseball state championship team  
20 and the basketball team; and

21 **WHEREAS**, after a year at the Florida Military Academy, Corky  
22 Rogers attended Georgia Tech on a football scholarship, playing for  
23 legendary head coach Bobby Dodd and earned a degree in industrial  
24 management. He returned to Jacksonville where he sold insurance  
25 briefly before beginning his career in high school football as an  
26 assistant coach at Ribault High School; and

27 **WHEREAS**, in 1972 Coach Rogers was named the head coach at Lee  
28 High School where he won 10 consecutive district titles from 1977 to  
29 1986 and coached future Green Bay Packer stars Edgar Bennett and  
30 LeRoy Butler before leaving after the 1988 season with 141 wins over  
31 17 seasons to take the head coaching position at the Bolles School;

1 and

2       **WHEREAS**, Coach Rogers' leadership helped turn the already strong  
3 Bolles School football program into a dynasty. Under his leadership,  
4 Coach Rogers' Bulldogs won 10 state championships between 1989 and  
5 2011. Corky Rogers' coaching excellence led to a career record of 465  
6 wins, 84 losses and 1 tie over 45 seasons of head coaching.  
7 Additionally, Coach Rogers mentored thousands of players, hundreds  
8 of whom earned college scholarships and went on to lead successful  
9 lives; and

10       **WHEREAS**, Corky Rogers, the winningest coach in Florida high  
11 school football history and the fifth winningest coach in the nation,  
12 was awarded the Life Membership Award from the American Coaching  
13 Association, was the 2004-05 National High School Coach of the Year  
14 and was inducted into the National Federation of State High School  
15 Associations Hall of Fame, the first Florida high school football  
16 coach to earn that honor. In August of 2019, the Bolles School  
17 dedicated the entry of the sports complex as Corky Rogers Plaza with  
18 a monument erected in his honor; and

19       **WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2020, after a lengthy battle with  
20 cancer, Corky Rogers peacefully passed away at the age of 76 leaving  
21 behind his wife, Linda, daughters Tracy and Jennifer, and six  
22 grandchildren. The entire Jacksonville community mourns the loss of  
23 one of our greatest local sports heroes and will forever cherish the  
24 indelible legacy that Coach Corky Rogers has left behind; now  
25 therefore

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

27       **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commemorates and  
28 celebrates the life and achievements of legendary high school coach  
29 and pillar of the Jacksonville community Corky Rogers for his  
30 unmatched excellence as a local high school coach, for his countless  
31 sporting achievements and accolades, for his inspirational work with

1 the local youth, and for being a pillar of the Jacksonville community.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Anthony J. Baltiero, City Council Research

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