

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Morgan, Becton, Bowman, Hazouri, Dennis, DeFoor, Diamond, R.
3 Gaffney, Newby, Pittman, Salem, Priestly Jackson, Ferraro, Cumber,
4 Boylan, Carlucci, White and Wilson:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2020-272**

8 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE LIFE
9 OF GRAMMY-NOMINATED AMERICAN GOSPEL MUSICIAN
10 TROY SNEED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed was an American gospel musician that
13 started his music career in 1999 with the release of Call Jesus and
14 he called Jacksonville, Florida home. Sneed said he felt that
15 Jacksonville was where he needed to be. He said if he could be
16 successful in Jacksonville, he could be "King of the Hill"; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed was born on December 14, 1967, in Perry,
18 Florida. He played football while in college at Florida A&M
19 University though an injury on the field would put an end to his
20 playing days. During his time at FAMU, he was appointed minister of
21 music for the choir. Sneed traveled around the United States with
22 the choir as they performed with gospel luminaries such as James
23 Moore, LaShun Pace, Dorothy Norwood and the Rev. James Cleveland;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, Savoy Records executive Rev. Milton Biggham offered
26 him a position as the Georgia Mass Choir's Assistant Minister of
27 Music. During his time there, he traveled with the choir, arranged
28 music on their albums and appeared with them in the Denzel
29 Washington and Whitney Houston 1996 film, The Preacher's Wife; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed had an impressive history on the Billboard
31 charts. Seven of his albums hit the Top Gospel Albums chart,
32 including A State of Worship, In His Presence, In Due Season, My
33 Heart Says Yes, All Is Well, Awesome God and Taking It Back; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed had 10 uplifting tunes that hit the Hot
2 Gospel Songs chart, half of which were in the top 10 including
3 "Hallelujah," "Work It Out," "My Heart Says Yes," "Lay It Down" and
4 "Kept by His Grace"; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed married Emily Frances on July 2, 1993, and
6 together they resided in Jacksonville, Florida with their four
7 children, Troy Jr., Evany, Trey and Tyler. Sneed and his wife,
8 Emily, started their own record label Emtro, which is a blend of
9 their first names. Their label became a success with a roster of
10 artists from Alvin Darling & Celebration and the Rev. Rudolph
11 McKissick; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Troy Sneed passed away early on April 27th due to
13 coronavirus complications; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates and
16 honors the life of Grammy-nominated gospel singer Troy Sneed and
17 extends its sincere condolences to his family, friends, and legion
18 of admirers.

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

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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