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Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Becton, Bowman Newby, Pittman, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, Boylan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Salem and Morgan:

RESOLUTION 2020-768-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE 2020 RIBAULT COLTS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE DUVAL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAVING BACK-TO-BACK UNDEFEATED SEASONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, 2020 has brought a unique set of challenges to all areas of life. Middle school sports, like everything else, has felt the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One team, however, managed to persevere through the adversity and complete a perfect season; and

WHEREAS, the Ribault Colts Middle School Football Team finished the 2020 season the same way that they ended the 2019 regular season, undefeated. The only thing missing for the Colts was a Championship win. They had the chance to achieve a perfect season by making it to the 2020 Duval County Middle School Football Championship where they faced off against the Landmark Seahawks; and

WHEREAS, in the Championship game, the Colts took an early 14-O lead. The Seahawks responded with an impressive seventy-five-yard touchdown kickoff return and two-point conversion that made the score 14-8. The Colts relentless defense, a touchdown punt return, and late touchdown drive made the final score 26-8 in favor of the Ribault Colts and sealed the Championship win; and

WHEREAS, the Championship victory gives the Ribault Colts a

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perfect season and a reason to celebrate in 2020. Despite the victory being a team effort, one player, Naeem Burroughs, stood out the most and was named the Championship Game's Most Valuable Player (MVP); now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and commemorates the 2020 Ribault Colts Middle School Football Team for winning the Duval County Middle School Football Championship and having back-to-back undefeated seasons.

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

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Form Approved:

Office of General Counsel

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