

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-261**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING LOCAL SPORTS HERO AND
6 BASKETBALL STAR RENNIA DAVIS FOR BEING DRAFTED
7 AS THE 9TH OVERALL PICK IN THE WNBA DRAFT AND
8 BECOMING THE HIGHEST WNBA DRAFT PICK TO COME
9 FROM THE JACKSONVILLE AREA; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Rennia Tyi Davis was born in Jacksonville, Florida on
13 February 24th, 1999 and raised by her loving mother, Sheretta, along
14 with her two siblings, Rodnetta and Shavonna. Ms. Davis showed an
15 affinity for basketball as a child and started her playing career as
16 a high school student for the Ribault Trojans; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis had an outstanding high school hoops career
18 topped off by leading the Trojans to the 2017 Florida State Title.
19 She finished her high school career with 2,304 points and averaged
20 26.3 points per game in the title winning 2017 season. Ms. Davis
21 received many awards and accolades during her high school hoops
22 career, including being named the 2017 Florida Gatorade Girls Player
23 of the Year, 2017 Florida Miss Basketball, 2017 MaxPreps First-Team
24 All-American and much more. Despite excelling at her craft, basketball
25 was not her sole focus during high school. She took advantage of
26 Ribault's Early College Program and earned her Associate of Arts
27 degree from Florida State College at Jacksonville while still in high
28 school; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis' college hoops career is just as impressive
30 as her high school one. Rennia attended the University of Tennessee
31 where she continued to rack up the awards and accolades. Ms. Davis

1 finished in the "top 10" in multiple categories among the University
2 of Tennessee's women's basketball all-time stats leaders, including
3 being 9th all-time in points (1,815), 4th all-time in double-doubles
4 (39), 5th all-time in 20-point games (23), and more. During her time
5 at Tennessee, Rennia Davis received many awards and honors, including
6 being named to the SEC All-Freshman Team, multiple SEC Academic Honor
7 Roll appearances, multiple SEC Player of the Week awards, inclusion
8 on the 2020/2021 Coaches All-SEC First Team, and much more. Again,
9 Ms. Davis took full advantage of the academic opportunities that were
10 around her and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in hotel, restaurant
11 and tourism management with a minor in business administration at the
12 end of her junior year; and

13 **WHEREAS**, following her impressive high school and college hoops
14 careers, Ms. Davis entered into the 2021 WNBA draft with national
15 expectations of being a top 10 pick. On April 15th, 2021, Rennia Davis
16 got the call that she had been waiting for since she was a little
17 girl and became the 9th overall pick in the draft chosen by the
18 Minnesota Lynx. At the 9th overall pick in the first round of the WNBA
19 draft, Rennia Davis has become the highest WNBA draft pick to come
20 out of the Jacksonville area; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors local sports
23 hero and basketball star Rennia Davis for being drafted as the 9th
24 overall pick in the first rounds of the WNBA draft and becoming the
25 highest WNBA draft pick to come from the Jacksonville area.

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

1 Form Approved:

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4 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

5 Office of General Counsel

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