

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsor Council Members
2 Morgan, Freeman, Newby, DeFoor, Dennis, Priestly Jackson, Hazouri &
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-261-A**

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

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

31 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis' college hoops career is just as impressive

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

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

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

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

28 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 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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