

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-721**

5 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE TRAGIC DEATH OF  
6 MICHAEL "PRINCE" WALTON, JR; PROVIDING AN  
7 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS**, Michael Walton, Jr., affectionately known as "Prince"  
10 by his family and friends, was a good student and a talented  
11 basketball player and team leader at Riverside High School; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the young man's life plan included attending Duke  
13 University in preparation for a career as a physical therapist; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on the morning of Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Michael  
15 Walton was tragically killed at the intersection of Edgewood Avenue  
16 and Roosevelt Boulevard while driving to his high school to take the  
17 ACT college entrance test. His car was hit by a hit-and-run driver  
18 who ran a red light and then fled the scene after the accident; and

19 **WHEREAS**, at a memorial service held at his Riverside High School  
20 and at his funeral, "Prince" Walton was remembered as a caring,  
21 compassionate, inspirational young man who had a tremendous future  
22 ahead of him which made his senseless death all the more tragic; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to express its sympathy to the  
24 young man's family and friends; now therefore

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

26 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby extends its most sincere  
27 condolences to the family and friends of Michael "Prince" Walton, Jr.  
28 upon the occasion of his senseless death at the hands of a hit-and-  
29 run driver and laments the tragic loss of a promising young life cut  
30 short.

31 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6  /s/ Paige H. Johnston

7 Office of General Counsel

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