

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by CM's Morgan,
2 Bowman, Priestly Jackson & Becton:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-721-A**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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5 Form Approved:

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7 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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