

RESOLUTION NO. 13204-19

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

KWAMIE LASSITER

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, records with deep and profound sadness the death of the Kwamie Lassiter; and

WHEREAS, Kwamie Lassiter was born on December 3, 1969, in Hampton, Virginia and was educated in the Newport News public school system, graduating from Menchville High School. He attended Butler Community College in 1989 and 1990 transferring to the University of Kansas in 1991 and graduating with a degree in communications in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Kwamie Lassiter played two years of college football at Butler Community College and upon transferring to the University of Kansas played from 1992 to 1994, playing on the 1992 Aloha Bowl Championship team. He also earned All-Big Eight Honors as a senior at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Kwamie Lassiter was signed as undrafted free agent by the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League ("NFL"). He played for the Arizona Cardinals from 1995 to 2002, the San Diego Chargers in 2003, and the St. Louis Rams in 2004. Over his NFL career, Kwamie Lassiter was credited with 416 solo tackles and 180 assisted tackles for a total of 596 tackles, 25 interceptions, 4 sacks, and 2 touchdowns. In 2001, he was selected as an alternate to the Pro Bowl; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement from professional football, Kwamie Lassiter served as a pregame and postgame host for the Arizona Cardinals Radio Network from 2006 to 2008. In 2009, he hosted the *Kwamie Lassiter's Sport Talk* program on the VoiceAmerica Internet radio network. In 2010, he became president of the NFL Alumni Chapter in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Kwamie Lassiter created the Kwamie Lassiter Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to "make health and wellness a priority by increasing the awareness to a better living." Kwamie Lassiter was particularly passionate about health awareness and his foundation helped to bring awareness about sickle cell anemia, cancer, and childhood obesity and to promote active lives with a healthy diet in children; and

WHEREAS, Kwamie Lassiter also started the T.A.C.K.L.E. (Teaching All Children to Kickoff Leadership in Education) Foundation. The T.A.C.K.L.E. Foundation seeks to "help establish better futures for children who are at risk for poor educational, social, economic and health outcomes." ; and

WHEREAS, Kwamie Lassiter passed away on January 6, 2019, at the age of forty-nine; he is survived by his loving wife, Erika; sons Kwamie II, Eric, Kwinton, Kwincy, Darius, KaVon, Devon, and Darian; and

WHEREAS, the product of his professional and community activities touched the lives of many, and the death of Kwamie Lassiter creates a void which this Council wishes to recognize.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes all that Kwamie Lassiter has done to serve others and for his many contributions to the quality of life of those he touched.
2. That it is ordered that the City Clerk shall record this resolution in the minutes of this body and that a copy be presented to the family of the late Kwamie Lassiter.
3. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, February 12, 2019.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk