

RESOLUTION

Recognizing West Philadelphia native Shaka Toney for being drafted to the Washington Football Team as pick number 246 in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft.

WHEREAS, Toney lost his father, Anthony Toney, when he was just two years old. At age six, Toney and his four siblings were rushed out of a burning home by their mother, Debbie Toney. These early challenges fueled Shaka's ambition to make a name for himself.

WHEREAS, Toney attended Imhotep Institute Charter High School. In his senior year, he was named the Pennsylvania Football News Class AAA Defensive Player of the Year after recording 97 tackles and 21 sacks.

WHEREAS, Toney first began playing college football for the Nittany Lions in 2016 as a top reserve and special teams contributor.

WHEREAS, Toney has witnessed gun violence and police brutality firsthand, and has used his voice to speak up for social justice. He has had many discussions with his Nittany Lions teammates about issues of the day.

WHEREAS, Toney tied the Penn State sack record with four sacks in a single game in 2018.

WHEREAS, Toney was promoted to the starting lineup for the Nittany Lions in 2019, and became a captain in his senior year.

WHEREAS, Toney ended his college career with 20.5 sacks and 115 tackles. He ranks eighth at Penn State for sacks.

WHEREAS, Toney was drafted to the Washington Football Team primarily on his stellar performance as a defensive end EDGE.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes West Philadelphia native Shaka Toney for being drafted to the Washington Football Team as pick number 246 in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Shaka Toney as evidence of the sincere appreciation and respect of this legislative body.

Introduced By:

Curtis Jones, Jr.

Councilman, 4th District

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