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**"Council Member Reggie Gaffney Announces Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Inaugural Hank Aaron Sports Academy Baseball Tournament"**

Jacksonville, FL (May 10, 2022) – Council Member Reggie Gaffney announces on May 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the atrium of Jacksonville City Hall the inaugural Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp and the "Home Run King" Hank Aaron Sports Academy Baseball Tournament.

Prior to his untimely death, the barrier breaker, hall of famer, baseball player Hank Aaron had a vision to bring the game of baseball to every community, and today, Tim Bennett, CEO of the Hank Aaron Sports Academy, announced in Jacksonville to honor that vision by announcing the first ever Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp and Hank Aaron Sports Academy baseball tournament (details to be announce during press conference).

The work of the Hank Aaron Sports Academy honors the legendary Hank Aaron nationwide by creating opportunities to access services in the area of sports, business, social development and education.

"Hank Aaron is a pillar and household name in our community, and although we recently lost him, he remains to be a man who broke barriers we all are benefiting from till this day," said Reggie Gaffney, Jacksonville's District 7 City Council Member. "For many, as a child, we saw ourselves in Hank Aaron, and today, I believe the City of Jacksonville makes history again."

If you have any questions or seek additional informational, please contact District Council Member Reggie Gaffney's office to speak with Roshanda Shine, ECA for District 7 at (904) 255-5207 or via e-mail at [rshine@coj.net](mailto:rshine@coj.net).

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