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# COUNCIL MEMBER GARRETT DENNIS INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO RENAME HEMMING PARK

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Following the removal of the Confederate monument in Hemming Park, Council Member Dennis has introduced new legislation to rename the park James Weldon Johnson Park.**

**“Not only was James Weldon Johnson born and raised in Jacksonville, he has become a historic public figure, known for his famous song, ‘Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.’ I think this is a perfect time and way to honor Mr. Johnson, particularly at a time where everyone simply wants to lift their voices and be heard. In addition, today marks his 149th birthday. It is an honor to memorialize him through this piece of legislation,” Dennis said.**