

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0164R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Curran, Kraft, Stokes, Mosby, Branch,
Holton, Spector, Cole, Clarke, Scott, Middleton, Henry, Reisinger
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 Congratulating Brenda Williams on her Retirement from Baltimore City Government

2 FOR the purpose of celebrating the laudable career of Brenda Saddler Williams, thanking her for
3 her unwavering commitment to public service upon her retirement from Baltimore City
4 government, and wishing her many years of continued happiness as she spends more time
5 with her husband, four children, and three grandchildren including her newborn grandson.

6 Recitals

7 It is with marked sadness that the City Council acknowledges that on March 31, 2014, it will
8 say goodbye to one of the most respected and longest-serving employees to work with the
9 Baltimore City Council.

10 Having started her career in what was originally known as the City Council Office of
11 Financial Review on April 30, 1980, Ms. Brenda Williams has served as staff to most
12 committees of the City Council. In fact, she has worked on some of the most complicated issues
13 considered by the City Council, including but not limited to: Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs),
14 Tax Increment Financing (TIFs), Tax-Exempt Financing, Tax Credits, Revenue Enhancements
15 (Energy Taxes, Telecommunication Taxes, Recordation Taxes, Burglar Alarm Fees), Convention
16 Center Hotel Revenue Obligations, MBE/WBE Participation Goals and Constitutionality, the
17 SCOPE Program, General Obligation Bonds, Local Hire, EBDI, Inclusionary Housing, Harbor
18 Point, Living Wage, and Property Sales/Acquisitions.

19 Respected and well-liked by all, she is well-informed and attentive to legislative details and
20 has always performed her duties with care, consideration and professionalism. Her can-do it
21 attitude has allowed her to flourish while serving during the terms of six Mayors: William
22 Donald Schaeffer, Clarence “Du” Burns, Kurt Schmoke, Martin O’ Malley, Sheila Dixon, and
23 Stephanie Rawlings Blake; eight Council Presidents: Walter Orlinsky, Clarence “Du” Burns,
24 Frank Gallagher, Mary Pat Clarke, Lawrence Bell, Sheila Dixon, Stephanie Rawlings Blake, and
25 Bernard C. “Jack” Young, and four Directors. Appreciated by the City Council Members she has
26 worked with over the years, her judgment and sensitivity to the needs of constituents has been
27 greatly valued by the Committee Chairs she has served.

28 Always able to soothe tensions, ease fears, and offer support to her colleagues, Brenda has
29 been an important member of the City Council’s legislative team and she will be missed by all of
30 the staff she has worked with.

31 During her tenure with what is now known as the Office of Council Services, Brenda has
32 experienced many personal successes. She earned a Master’s Degree in Business Management

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 from Morgan State University; raised four lively and successful children with her husband Clarke
2 R. Williams: Kwan Saddler, Clarke Williams, Jr., Dionna Gilchrist, and Brandon Joshua
3 Williams; welcomed three grandchildren: Ronald and Arielle Gilchrist and the most recent
4 addition to their family: Mason Joshua Williams.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this Body
6 hereby expresses its appreciation to Brenda Saddler Williams, Legislative Policy Analyst
7 Supervisor, Office of Council Services, for her almost 34 years of dedicated professional service
8 to the Mayor and City Council and citizens of the City of Baltimore, acknowledging her constant
9 professionalism and attention to important details and her ability to work cooperatively and
10 attentively with all members of the Baltimore City Council for the benefit of the residents of
11 Baltimore City.

12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, Brenda
13 S. Williams and Family, the Director of the Office of Council Services, and the Mayor's
14 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.