

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0746
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Welch, Branch, Kraft, D’Adamo, Conaway, Reisinger, Cole,
Stokes, Curran, President Young, Councilmember Henry

Introduced and read first time: July 18, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of
Real Estate, Department of Recreation and Parks

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Renaming Franklin Square Park to Delegate Ruth M. Kirk Park**
3 **at Franklin Square**

4 FOR the purpose of changing the name of Franklin Square Park, located at 1301 West Lexington
5 Street, to Delegate Ruth M. Kirk Park at Franklin Square.

6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
8 Section 20-2
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 Ruth M. Kirk, a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates, represented
13 the residents of the 44th State Legislative District, from January 1995 until
14 January 2011, and prior to that time she represented the residents of the former
15 39th State Legislative District, from January 1983 until January 1995, a total of 28
16 years of service to her community.

17 She was born in Baltimore, in 1930, the 5th of 8 children, and, among other
18 things, worked as a community advocate. According to an article in the
19 *Baltimore Sun*, her daughter Judith Price said that she became active in politics
20 because “she loved to help people.” She helped organize the annual Family Fun
21 Festival held in August in the Franklin Square Community, which provided health
22 information as well as live entertainment and different vendors. She served on a
23 number of community organizations that focused on city neighborhoods,
24 including the Communities Organized to Improve Life (COIL), the Self Help
25 Housing Board, and the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels. According to
26 her family, she was especially proud of her work, while in the State Legislature,
27 to get a bond bill passed to fund a new Head Start program. Said Speaker of the
28 House of Delegates Michael Busch, “She was a respected legislator, who always
29 put the needs of her community first. She will be missed by all.”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 name of Franklin Square Park, located at 301 West Lexington Street, is changed to Delegate
3 Ruth M. Kirk Park at Franklin Square.

4 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
5 after the date it is enacted.