

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0840
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers D'Adamo, Young, Conaway,
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Introduced and read first time: November 19, 2007

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Baltimore City Congratulates**
3 **George Washington Elementary School #022 – National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**

4 FOR the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of the hardworking students, the devoted
5 parents, the dedicated teachers, and the committed Principal and administrative staff of
6 George Washington Elementary School in being named a *National Blue Ribbon School of*
7 *Excellence* by the U.S. Department of Education, applauding the academic perseverance that
8 led to School #022 becoming 1 of only 6 schools in Maryland to be elevated to this status,
9 encouraging them to keep up the good work, and exhorting schools throughout Baltimore
10 City to follow George Washington Elementary School's example of excellence; and
11 providing for a special effective date.

12 **Recitals**

13 According to the press release from the office of the CEO of the Baltimore City Public
14 School System, George Washington Elementary School is a Title 1 school offering a pre-
15 kindergarten through grade 5 education to 219 students. The percentage of students receiving
16 free or reduced meals is 89.6%, and 14.7% of the school's population receives special education
17 services. The school is located in South Baltimore in an area referred to as Washington
18 Village/Pig Town.

19 The 2006 Maryland School Assessment data shows that 90% of all students scored at the
20 proficient/advanced level in reading and that 92 % of all students scored at the
21 proficient/advanced level in mathematics. On the Stanford 10, students in grades 1 and 2 scored
22 above the national percentile in total reading and total mathematics. The students in grade 1
23 scored at the 81st percentile in total reading and at the 88th percentile in total math. In grade 2,
24 the students scored at the 87th percentile in total reading and the 93rd percentile in total math.

25 The No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private
26 elementary, middle, and high schools that are either academically superior or demonstrate
27 dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels and are based on 1 of 2 criteria. Public
28 schools must either have students who, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10% of their
29 state on state tests or at least 40% of the school's students from disadvantaged backgrounds
30 dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state tests.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 Baltimore City is the proud home to 6 Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, and,
2 with the addition of George Washington Elementary, 3 of these now hold the distinction of
3 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. Baltimore City schools designated Maryland
4 and/or National Schools of Excellence are:

- 5 • Baltimore City College #480
- 6 • Baltimore Polytechnic Institute #403
- 7 • Bentalou Elementary #150
- 8 • Patapsco Elementary #163
- 9 • Roland Park Elementary #233.

10 Baltimore City celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of the students in these award
11 schools and applauds the efforts of all students throughout the Baltimore Public School System
12 as they strive to excel in their academic endeavors.

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
14 this Body recognizes the accomplishments of the hardworking students, the devoted parents, the
15 dedicated teachers, and the committed Principal and administrative staff of George Washington
16 Elementary School in being named a *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* by the U.S.
17 Department of Education, applauds the academic perseverance that led to School #022 becoming
18 1 of only 6 schools in Maryland to be elevated to this status, encourages them to keep up the
19 good work, and exhorts schools throughout Baltimore City to follow George Washington
20 Elementary School's example of excellence; and providing for a special effective date.

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
22 Mayor, the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools, the Principal, Administration, Students, and
23 PTA of George Washington Elementary School #022, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
24 City Council.

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
26 is enacted.