

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0181
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Glover, Stokes, Ramos
Introduced and read first time: November 15, 2021
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Real Estate, Planning Commission, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Baltimore City Public School System

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Renaming Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School to**
3 **Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy Elementary/Middle School**

4 FOR the purpose of changing the name of Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School, located at
5 600 North Patterson Park Avenue, to Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy Elementary/Middle School.

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 Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy, a Baltimore City Councilmember and champion for
13 Baltimore’s underdogs, arrived in Baltimore in 1964 as a single mother with 5
14 children. Gaddy earned her bachelors degree from Antioch University in and in
15 the early 1970s joined the East Baltimore Children’s Fund. Using what she
16 learned from her experienced with the Fund, Gaddy founded a homeless shelter,
17 which became the Bea Gaddy Family Centers, Inc. In 1981 she started a
18 community kitchen for Baltimoreans in need, and held an annual free
19 Thanksgiving dinner that became well known in the City. Later, Gaddy also
20 founded a furniture bank and a program refurbishing abandoned City row homes.
21 She became an ordained pastor and buried the poor at no charge to their families.
22 Gaddy won many awards during her time in Baltimore, including Afro American
23 Woman of the Year in 1984, the National Council of Negro Women Humanitarian
24 Award in 1988, and the Mayor’s Citation in 1988. Gaddy was named
25 “Marylander of the Year” by The Baltimore Sun in 1992, and in 1999 was elected
26 to the Baltimore City Council. Tragically, she passed away in 2001 from cancer,
27 but the City will always remember the woman known as “the Mother Teresa of
28 Baltimore” or “St. Bea”.

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 Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School, located at 600 North Patterson Park
3 Avenue, is changed to Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy Elementary/Middle School.

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