

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0221R
(Resolution)**

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Celebrating and Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Baltimore Orioles 1966
World Series Victory**

FOR the purpose of celebrating and commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Baltimore Orioles
4 game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1966 World Series, which was their first
World Championship in franchise history and established the Baltimore Orioles as a force to
be reckoned with in Major League Baseball.

Recitals

On October 9, 1966, the Baltimore Orioles completed a 4 game sweep of the Los Angeles
Dodgers and became Major League Baseball World Champions for the first time. The Orioles
only allowed the Dodgers to score 2 runs the entire series, and Orioles pitching held the Dodgers
scoreless for the last 33 innings of the series.

In addition to a one sided victory, the 1966 World Series helped create a number of important
records in baseball history. Aside from the pitching staff only allowing 2 runs over the course of
the entire series, earning them a .50 ERA, the lowest in the World Series at that time, they were
also the first non-New York Yankee American League team to win a World Series since 1948.
Jim Palmer became the youngest pitcher to throw a compete game shutout in a World Series
game, which helped springboard the stellar career of one of the Orioles’ finest pitchers ever.

Frank Robinson became the Most Valuable Player for the series, and earned the American
League triple crown for the 1966 season. Frank Robinson also donned the Orioles orange and
black in 1970 when the team once again was the World Series champion. After retiring from
play, Frank Robinson became the first permanent African-American manager in Major League
history, and he currently manages the Washington Nationals.

Baseball is called America’s Pastime, and the City of Baltimore is living proof of why.
Baseball has expanded from a game to a major community franchise in Baltimore. There are
many programs that without this wonderful game, our communities would be without. First,
there is RBI, or Reviving Baseball in the Inner City, which encourages youth to stay in school
and helps our kids continue to develop the self-confidence to help them reach their full potential.
There is the Cardboard to Leather initiative that provides baseball equipment to children in
developing countries, and the Baltimore Baseball League, which allows hundreds of elementary
school children around the City to play baseball for the first time and learn to love this wonderful
game.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 Finally, we must commemorate the fans that make this all possible. Without the consistent
2 support of fans, through the good times and the bad, the Baltimore Orioles and the game of
3 baseball would not be what it is today. In Baltimore, we bleed orange and black. The history of
4 the Baltimore Orioles franchise is one that will forever be ingrained in the minds of Baltimore
5 Orioles fans, and we celebrate and commemorate this history with a salute to the glorious teams
6 of our past.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
8 Body celebrates and commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Baltimore Orioles 4 game sweep
9 of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1966 World Series, which was their first World
10 Championship in franchise history and established the Baltimore Orioles as a force to be
11 reckoned with in Major League Baseball.

12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor,
13 members of the 1966 Baltimore Orioles, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Council.