CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 07-0339R (Resolution)

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Congratulations to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Albert Arnold

Gore Jr. on Winning the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007

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F	FOR the purpose of congratulating the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and former Vice President Albert (Al) Gore, Jr. on sharing the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007, in recognition for their efforts to "build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and for laying the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."
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On October 7, 2007 the Norwegian Nobel Committee decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 would be shared, in two equal parts, by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Control (IPCC) and former Vice President Albert (Al) Gore, Jr. for their efforts to "build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."

Recognizing the problem of potential global climate change, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) established the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 1988, and opened its doors to all members of the UN and WMO. According to the IPCC, its role is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis the scientific, technical, and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts, and options for adaptation and mitigation.

As stated in the Nobel Prize announcement, the IPCC, through scientific reports over the past two decades has "created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming." Over the past few years, these connections have become even clearer and the consequences more apparent then ever before.

Vice President Gore has, for a long time, been one of the world's leading environmental activists. In his battle to inform the world of the disastrous effects that climate change could have on our way of life, he has shown strong commitment in the face of adversity. This commitment is reflected in his political activity, lectures, films, and books and has been a dominating factor in the struggle against climate change. He has done as much to create a greater worldwide understanding of the aspects of world climate change, as well as the measures that are needed on a global scale, to help lessen the threat of extensive climate changes that may eventually place heavy burdens on the living conditions of much of the world.

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The world owes a debt of gratitude to both the IPCC and Al Gore for their tireless efforts.
They have shown all of us the importance of treating the changes in the Earth's climate with the
utmost seriousness, and that we all must do our part in order to facilitate positive environmental
change. The City of Baltimore applauds their efforts and seeks to positively contribute to the
processes and decisions that are necessary to help protect the world's future climate, as well the
future generations of humankind.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body congratulates the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and former Vice President Albert (Al) Gore, Jr. on sharing the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007, in recognition for their efforts to "build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and for laying the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Honorable Al Gore, the IPCC Secretariat, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.