

CITY OF BALTIMORE
RESOLUTION _____
Council Bill 13-0191

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Curran, Henry, Mosby, Stokes, Kraft, Scott,
Spector, Middleton, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Cole, Branch, Clarke

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

Congratulations to the Super Bowl Bound Baltimore Ravens

FOR the purpose of congratulating the Super Bowl bound Baltimore Ravens on their successes in both the regular season and the playoffs, wishing them the best of luck from all of Baltimore in their quest to bring a 2nd world championship back to our city, and expressing the people of Baltimore's continued appreciation for how the Ravens have built football back into a cornerstone of Baltimore pride; and providing for a special effective date.

Recitals

Since their arrival in Baltimore before the 1996 NFL season, the Ravens have been a tremendous source of pride for our city. Baltimore has made it clear how much it loves its team from day 1, and the Ravens have rewarded that love with consistent excellence on the field.

The superb performance of the 2012-2013 Ravens, culminating in the club's 2nd trip to the Super Bowl, continues this tradition of excellence. Baltimore has reached the playoffs in 9 of the last 13 seasons, and is the only team to have earned a post-season berth in each of the last 5 years. And once they reach the playoffs, the Ravens always make their presence felt, winning at least one victory in each of the last 5 post-season tournaments.

This year's path to the playoffs included enough twists and turns to keep even the most casual fans on the edges of their seats. Then, after overcoming adversity and all the obstacles along the way, the Ravens entered the post-season and embarked on what has already been one of the most exciting runs in NFL history by knocking much hyped rival Indianapolis out in the first round as a treat for home fans, and pulling off upset road wins against future hall of fame quarterbacks in back-to-back weeks to win the team's 2nd AFC Championship.

The Ravens seem to have been inspired on this amazing journey by the announcement before the playoffs began that the original Raven, Ray Lewis, would be ending his surefire hall of fame career after this season. Now, the perfect sendoff for our generation's greatest defensive player is in sight, with a world championship just one more win away. Baltimore believes in its team, and wishes them the best of luck as they try to write the perfect ending to what is already a season to take great pride in.

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

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Mayor and City Council congratulate the Super Bowl bound Baltimore Ravens on their successes
3 in both the regular season and the playoffs, wish them the best of luck from all of Baltimore in their
4 quest to bring a 2nd world championship back to our city, and join the people of Baltimore in
5 expressing continued appreciation for how the Ravens have built football back into a cornerstone
6 of Baltimore pride.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
8 Baltimore Ravens.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the day it is
10 enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20____

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20____

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor, Baltimore City