

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0317R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, D’Adamo, Branch, Cole, Middleton, Conaway, Curran,
Henry, Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Welch, Clarke, Spector, Reisinger
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Honor of Helen Jones – A Community Hero

FOR the purpose of expressing Baltimore City’s gratitude to Helen Jones, whose community-
spirited vigilance led to the rescue of one of our littlest citizens and who demonstrated by her
actions that it does, indeed, take a village to raise and to protect our children.

Recitals

When Helen Jones left her home for a doctor’s appointment on the early morning of July
12th, she had no inkling that by day’s end she would be hailed as a hero, nor was that a
consideration when she opened her arms and her heart to a little boy, 8-year-old Darrick Charles
Brown, who had been cruelly snatched off the familiar streets near his home by persons with
malice of intent.

Ms. Jones recognized the little boy from the pictures that had been released to the media the
night before, as his family and law enforcement frantically sought information about the child
who had been abducted by persons unknown as he walked with friends near his home at
approximately 6:30 p.m. the previous evening.

Ms. Jones serves as a reminder to us all that as members of our larger communities, our
villages, we have to look out for each other and, in particular, for those the least able to look out
for themselves. For that we all say a sincere and heartfelt – Thank You!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this
Body hereby expresses Baltimore City’s gratitude to Helen Jones, whose community-spirited
vigilance led to the rescue of one of our littlest citizens and who demonstrated by her actions that
it does, indeed, take a village to raise and to protect our children.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Helen Jones, the
family of Darrick Charles Brown, the Mayor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City
Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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