

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0386
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Curran, President Dixon, Councilmembers Young, Kraft, Harris, Holton, Mitchell, Welch, Clarke, Rawlings Blake, Reisinger, D'Adamo, Spector, Conaway, Branch

Introduced and read first time: April 10, 2006

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Fear the Lady Turtle – Congratulations to the Lady Terrapins on their**
3 **NCAA Championship Victory**

4 FOR the purpose of offering our warmest congratulations to the University of Maryland Lady
5 Terrapins on their NCAA Championship victory, their victorious achievement in making the
6 University of Maryland only one of four schools to win both a men's and women's NCAA
7 National Championship; to Laura Harper for being chosen as the Final Four's most
8 outstanding player; to Coach Brenda Frese for leading the Lady Terrapins to an exceptional
9 34-4 season ending with a win in the Title game; and to the entire Lady Terrapin basketball
10 association who pulled together and worked until the coveted prize was theirs and who
11 showed us that, through hard work and perseverance, we can all exceed expectations and
12 achieve our most lofty of goals; and providing for a special effective date.

13 **Recitals**

14 At the start of the 2005-2006 women's college basketball season, no one had the Maryland
15 Lady Terrapins finishing in the top 10. They said they were too young, lacked experience, and
16 would not be able to hold their own with the better teams in the nation. On April 4, 2006, the
17 Lady Terrapins proved their critics wrong. They not only brought home the NCAA Women's
18 National Championship, but they did so in overtime, after closing one of the largest deficits in
19 NCAA Women's Title Game history. The Lady Terrapins showed poise and determination in
20 the win, and Coach Brenda Frese did an excellent job of making sure her girls kept their heads in
21 the game and never became overwhelmed by the 13 point deficit.

22 The Lady Terrapins defeated their division rival Duke Blue Devils, making the University of
23 Maryland one of an elite four schools to win both men's and women's national titles. Despite
24 being one of the youngest teams in the tournament, with one of the youngest coaches, the Lady
25 Terrapins proved to everyone that age is nothing more than a number and that heart can often
26 have more value than experience. The Lady Terrapins showed that they are a force to be
27 reckoned with and will remain that way for years to come.

28 For their accomplishments on and off the court, the University of Maryland Lady Terrapins
29 and their entire coaching staff deserve our respect, admiration, and congratulations from citizens
30 of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore, and we look forward to bearing witness to
31 their many future victories and achievements.

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

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 this Body offers our warmest congratulations to the University of Maryland Lady Terrapins on
3 their NCAA Championship victory, their victorious achievement in making the University of
4 Maryland only one of four schools to win both a men's and women's NCAA National
5 Championship; to Laura Harper for being chosen as the Final Four's most outstanding player; to
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9 perseverance, we can all exceed expectations and achieve our most lofty of goals; and providing
10 for a special effective date.

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
12 Mayor, the President of the University System of Maryland, Members, Coaches and Staff of the
13 University of Maryland Terrapins Basketball Association, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison
14 to the City Council.

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