

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 24-0217R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen, President Mosby, and Councilmembers McCray,  
Torrence, Burnett, Dorsey, Bullock, Conway, Middleton, Costello, Ramos, and Porter  
Introduced and adopted: April 8, 2024

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Honoring the Efforts of First Responders in Southeast Baltimore and  
Remembering the Victims of the Lombard Street Fire**

FOR the purpose of honoring the efforts of the first responders to the recent fire on Lombard Street in Southeast Baltimore and remembering the victims.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, an initial emergency call was placed in the early morning hours of Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 reporting a massive fire at 3414 East Lombard Street.

**WHEREAS**, 911 specialists Anthony Jones and Towanda Osei-Bonsu fielded the emergency calls.

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Fire Department arrived at the scene within 2 minutes of receiving the initial call, assisted with the removal of victims from the building, and performed CPR until the arrival of the transport unit, which quickly took the victims to the hospital.

**WHEREAS**, firefighters Mark A. Lopez, Frank A. Snyder, Mark Lemmon, Haseeb Durrani, William Buttner, Justin M. King, Joshua A. Wodka, Joshua J. Drexler, and Michael B. Connelly bravely responded to the scene at 3414 East Lombard Street.

**WHEREAS**, paramedics Stephen Kehne, Cody Lust, Maria Ashley, Christopher Rondholz, Mark Fritsch Jr., Zephyr Agena, and Chaz Charter aided the transport of victims to the hospital. Maria Perez, a bilingual Baltimore City police officer, served as a bridge between distraught family members and investigators, offering compassion and access to services.

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore mourns the loss of the victims of the fire and the City Council expresses its deepest condolences to their families and loved ones during this difficult time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City Council honors the memories of the victims of the fire and expresses its deepest gratitude to our brave first responders for their work in responding to the fire at 3414 East Lombard Street and their daily efforts to protect the citizens of Baltimore. The City Council is committed to lifting up the fearless work of these public servants, supporting them in their exposure to trauma, and providing whatever support is needed to assist the best fire department in the country.

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

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, The  
2 Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City  
3 Council.