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	Subject :	City Council Bill 23-0412 – City Property – Renaming Playground at Hanlon Park After Ruby K. Couch		

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TO: The Honorable City Council President Nick Mosby
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Mrs. Ruby K. Couch was a dedicated community leader, known as the “Matriarch of Hanlon”. She was a founding member of the Hanlon Improvement Association and later became president. Mrs. Couch worked diligently to unite the neighborhood by promoting public service, environmental justice, community engagement, youth mentoring, and more. Her extensive volunteer efforts included educational advocacy, political engagement, and increasing resources for the neighborhood’s most vulnerable members. Additionally, much of the beautification and maintenance of Hanlon Park can be attributed to Mrs. Couch’s leadership and organizing efforts. One of Mrs. Couch’s many accomplishments includes helping to secure a historical designation for Hanlon Park. For all of Mrs. Couch’s leadership and activism, this bill renames the Hanlon Park playground as “Ruby K. Couch Playground”.

In anticipation of Ruby K. Couch’s 100th birthday, Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (BCRP) happily supports this legislation. BCRP will also assist the renaming effort by fabricating and installing the sign commemorating her legacy.

We look forward to the passage of this bill. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Morgan at jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov