CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 06-0206R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Conaway, Young, Kraft, Branch, Mitchell, Spector Introduced and read first time: August 14, 2006

Assigned to: Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Police Department, Fire Department

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Informational Hearing – Homeland Security Program at Walbrook Uniformed Service Academy High School

FOR the purpose of requesting the Baltimore City Police Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department to brief the Council on the resources that they may be able to provide to the Homeland Security Program at the Walbrook Uniformed Service Academy High School and that representatives of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners brief the Council on how this program can work more effectively.

9 Recitals

The Homeland Security Program at the Walbrook Uniformed Service Academy High School is a program that is designed to aid students in focusing on careers in the emergency services field. This includes Police, Fire, and other designated emergency response professions.

The Homeland Security Academy focuses on literacy/reading/English, mathematics, social studies, foreign language, and science, as well as offers academic programs that prepare students to enter fields related to firefighting, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), emergency preparedness and response to biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological weapons, law enforcement, criminal justice, forensics, computer science, and information infrastructure security.

In order for a program like this one to be successful, there needs to be a significant amount of Police and Fire resources devoted to its success. Without these resources, a program like the Homeland Security Program at Walbrook Uniformed Service Academy High School simply cannot reach its full potential. This hearing is necessary to find out whether the program is achieving its goals, and whether enough Police and Fire Department resources are being provided in order to maintain student interest in the program up and make sure that the program has continued success in the future.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body requests the Baltimore City Police Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department to brief the Council on the resources that they may be able to provide to the Homeland Security

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1	Program at the Walbrook Uniformed Service Academy High School and that representatives of
2	the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners brief the Council on how this program can
3	work more effectively.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
Baltimore City Police Commissioner, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the CEO
of the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Council.