

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 15-0221R**  
**(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Young and All Members  
Introduced and adopted: March 30, 2015

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1 Congratulating Jim Scales on His Retirement From Baltimore City Government**

2 FOR the purpose of celebrating the laudable career of Jim Scales, thanking him for his  
3 unwavering commitment to public service upon his retirement from Baltimore City  
4 government, and wishing him many years of continued happiness as he spends more time  
5 with his husband, Bill Taskers.

**6 Recitals**

7 It is with marked sadness that the City Council acknowledges that this month it will say  
8 goodbye to one of the most respected and longest-serving employees to work for Baltimore City.

9 More than 40 years ago, Jim Scales began his tenure in Baltimore City government – the first  
10 13 years were spent with the Department of Public Works and then a one-day personnel loan of  
11 Jim to City Hall turned into a remarkable 29 years in City Hall. Jim Scales served under six  
12 administrations, William Donald Schaeffer, Clarence “Du” Burns, Kurt Schmoke, Martin O’  
13 Malley, Sheila Dixon, and Stephanie Rawlings Blake.

14 His office in City Hall served as an unofficial time capsule of the past three decades –  
15 pictures, news articles, memorabilia, knick-knacks, you name it – it is rumored that there actually  
16 was a desk and computer in there.

17 Jim leaves City Hall with many stories and memories, but none can top his history-making  
18 marriage to Bill Taskers in 2013. They were the first same-sex couple to take their vows in the  
19 State of Maryland.

20 The City of Baltimore owes Jim a tremendous debt of gratitude for his unwavering  
21 commitment to public service and City Hall.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
23 Council hereby expresses its appreciation to Jim Scales, thanking him for his unwavering  
24 commitment to public service upon his retirement from Baltimore City government, and wishing  
25 him many years of continued happiness as he spends more time with his husband, Bill Taskers.

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, Jim  
27 Scales and Family, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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