

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0708  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran,  
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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **In Honor of Irma Johnson – the National Association of Elementary**  
3 **School Principals' 2007 Maryland Distinguished Principal of the Year**

4 FOR the purpose of congratulating Irma Johnson, Principal, Dallas F. Nicholas Elementary  
5 School, on being named the 2007 Maryland Distinguished Principal of the Year by the  
6 National Association of Elementary School Principals and commending her 32 years of  
7 dedicated service to the Baltimore City Public School System; and providing for a special  
8 effective date.

9 **Recitals**

10 The National Association of Elementary School Principals, founded in 1921, by a group of  
11 51 principals seeking to promote their profession and to provide a national forum for their ideas,  
12 today represents 30,000 elementary and middle school principals who are dedicated to ensuring  
13 that all children get the best education possible and has become the most powerful voice of Pre-  
14 K– 8 principals across the United States and around the world.

15 The National Distinguished Principals Program was established in 1984, as an annual event  
16 to honor exemplary elementary and middle school principals who set the pace, character, and  
17 quality of the education children receive during their early school years. One principal is chosen  
18 annually from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia; principals representing private  
19 K-8 schools, Department of Defense Dependent's Schools, and the U.S. Department of State  
20 Overseas Schools are also eligible.

21 Public school principals are nominated by peers in their home states, and the final selection  
22 for each state's National Distinguished Principal is made by the organization's affiliates, while  
23 honorees from private schools and overseas schools are selected by special committees based on  
24 the following criteria that the selected principal:

- 25 • is an active principal of a school in which a commitment is clearly evident through  
26 programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students and through  
27 firmly established community ties with parents and local business organizations;
- 28 • has been an active principal for at least 5 years;
- 29 • will be an active principal during the year in which he/she will receive the award;

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- 1 • shows a strong commitment to the principalship through active membership in  
2 professional organizations;
- 3 • is respected by students, colleagues, parents, and the community at large;
- 4 • assumes an active role in his/her community, distinguishing himself/herself as a  
5 leader in civic, religious, or humanitarian activities;
- 6 • shows strong educational leadership by setting high expectations for school staff and  
7 students;
- 8 • maintains an orderly, purposeful learning environment.

9 Ms. Irma Johnson began, in 1975, to demonstrate those qualities that ultimately led to her  
10 being honored with the Distinguished Principal Award, after receiving her undergraduate degree  
11 from the University of Maryland, College Park and beginning her teaching career as a primary  
12 special education teacher at George Street Elementary School. She continued her education with  
13 a Master's Degree from Coppin State University and is currently a Doctoral Candidate at Nova  
14 Southeastern University.

15 Ms. Johnson credits her life-long love of learning and educating others to a strong family  
16 background that emphasized the importance of education as personal wealth "that no one can  
17 take away".

18 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
19 this Body hereby congratulates Irma Johnson, Principal, Dallas F. Nicholas Elementary School,  
20 on being named the 2007 Maryland Distinguished Principal of the Year by the National  
21 Association of Elementary School Principals and commends her 32 years of dedicated service to  
22 the Baltimore City Public School System.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Ms.  
24 Irma, Johnson, Principal, Dallas F. Nicholas Elementary School, the CEO of the Baltimore City  
25 Public School System, the Secretary of the Maryland State Department of Education, and the  
26 President, National Association of Elementary School Principals.

27 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it  
28 is enacted.