

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 14-0187R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Branch, Stokes, Holton, Henry, Kraft,  
Welch, Middleton, Mosby, Clarke, Reisinger, Curran  
Introduced and adopted: September 8, 2014

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Celebrating the Life and Career of All-Star Baseball Player Paul Blair**

FOR the purpose of joining with baseball fans nationwide in celebrating the life of Paul Blair;  
recognizing his outstanding contributions to the Orioles as a center fielder; commemorating  
his many achievements; and supporting the efforts of fans to recognize Paul Blair at the  
September 12, 2014 Orioles' game.

**Recitals**

On December 26, 2013, Orioles' center fielder Paul Blair died at the age of 69. Paul Blair, an  
outfielder for seventeen seasons in Major League Baseball, spent the majority of his career  
(1964-1976) with the Baltimore Orioles. Blair is known as the greatest center fielder in Orioles'  
history.

Blair, born in Oklahoma, was raised in Los Angeles where he excelled at basketball, baseball,  
and track. After high school, Blair signed as an amateur free agent with the New York Mets and  
was drafted by the Orioles in the 1962 first-year draft. Blair joined the Orioles lineup in 1965  
and played center field for the Orioles for thirteen seasons.

As an Orioles' player, Blair was awarded seven consecutive Gold Gloves, the second most in  
Orioles' history. Blair was a two time All Star in 1969 and 1972 and contributed to two Orioles  
World Series wins in 1966 and 1970.

At his retirement in 1980, Blair had played a total of 1,947 games, struck 134 home runs, and  
stolen 171 bases. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the game of baseball, and  
especially the Baltimore Orioles, fans are organizing a tribute to Paul Blair at the Friday,  
September 12th Orioles game.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
Council joins baseball fans nationwide in celebrating the life of Paul Blair, recognizing his  
outstanding contributions to the Orioles as a center fielder, and commemorating his many  
achievements; and supports the efforts of fans to recognize Paul Blair at the September 12, 2014  
Orioles' game.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
Baltimore Orioles, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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