CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 09-0147R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Conaway, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers D'Adamo, Henry, Curran, Holton, Branch, Middleton, Welch, Reisinger, Cole, Kraft, Young, Spector, Clarke

Introduced and adopted: September 14, 2009

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 2	In Remembrance of the Honorable Kenneth N. Harris, Sr. – July 17, 1963 - September 20, 2008
3	For the purpose of honoring the life of Councilman Kenneth N. Harris, expressing appreciation
4	for the many contributions he made to Baltimore City and its citizenry, acknowledging the
5	senseless circumstances of his passing, and rededicating to the continuation of his mission to
6	ensure quality education, safe communities, and equal justice, and to make Baltimore City a
7	better place to live.
8	Recitals
9	On September 22, 2008, the City Council unanimously adopted a Resolution In Tribute to
10	the Honorable Kenneth N. Harris, Sr. – A Distinguished Son of Baltimore Gone Far too Soon,
11	paying tribute to a colleague and good friend who, in the early morning hours of September 20,
12	2008, was tragically taken from those who loved and admired him, by gunfire such as that heard
13	too often on the very streets he dedicated himself to improving for the constituents he served.
14	The Resolution spoke to the irony of the fact that Ken was taken from us by the senseless
15	violence that he sought to address by sponsoring legislation, in his more than 8 years of service
16	on the City Council, to keep young people off the streets and to provide them with the
17	counseling and the social services they and their families needed to ensure they remained
18	enrolled in school until graduation.
19	On the anniversary of his death, we remember with joy his hearty, mischievous laugh and his
20	endearing love of life. We miss you, Kenny!
21	Now, Therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That this
22	Body hereby honors the life of Councilman Kenneth N. Harris, expresses appreciation for the
23	many contributions he made to Baltimore City and its citizenry, acknowledges the senseless
24	circumstances of his passing, and rededicates itself to the continuation of his mission to ensure
25	quality education, safe communities, and equal justice, and to make Baltimore City a better place
26	to live.
27	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family of the
28	Honorable Kenneth N. Harris, Sr., the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City
29	Council.