

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0231R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Dixon, Councilmembers Curran, Young, Branch, Kraft, Mitchell,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Remembrance – Enolia P. McMillan

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2 FOR the purpose of celebrating the life of Enolia P. McMillan, who as a mother, wife, educator,
3 and former president of the NAACP, was a relentless fighter for justice who dedicated her
4 life to initiating the betterment of ours and to a lifelong crusade for equality for people of all
5 races, creeds, and colors.

Recitals

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7 Enolia P. McMillan, was born in 1904 in Willow Grove, Pa., to John Pettigen, who was born
8 a slave in Virginia, and Elizabeth Fortune Pettigen, a domestic worker. With a love of education
9 in her heart she became a teacher in 1927. After finding her career path, Mrs. McMillan quickly
10 found and worked to address many problems within the education system. She was not only an
11 extraordinary teacher to her students, but was always willing to take the time to discuss the
12 issues of past and present civil rights movements with them in and out of class.

13 Mrs. McMillan was the Branch President of the Baltimore City Chapter of the NAACP for
14 21 years, and the National President for 6 years. During her leadership she not only addressed
15 local and national issues affecting minorities, she also attacked global issues, such as apartheid.
16 During Mrs. McMillan's leadership, the Branch purchased its first building, and the NAACP
17 National Headquarters was moved from New York to Baltimore in 1986. She helped to establish
18 more Black banks within the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, and still managed to invest the
19 majority of her time in the youth of Baltimore, to help insure the future of the NAACP.

20 Not only was Mrs. McMillan active in the regular activities of the NAACP, she was also a
21 trailblazer in the field of educational rights for African Americans and other minorities in
22 Maryland. She was adamant on her stance for the equal pay of African-American teachers
23 throughout Maryland, as well as equal opportunities for African-American students in the
24 classroom. Her contributions and dedication changed the lives of many, inside and away from
25 the state of Maryland. In 1990, Mrs. McMillan was nominated and inducted into The Maryland
26 Women's Hall of Fame. In 1991, she was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane
27 Letters at Loyola College.

28 Throughout her life and career, Enolia P. McMillan remained a pillar of leadership in the
29 African American community as well as a teacher to all of those who were lucky enough to find
30 themselves in her presence, or even learn from her experience. She was not only a educator, but
31 a friend to all of those who came into contact with her. Her gentle spirit could be seen almost
32 immediately, but not without knowing fully that she was a person who would always remain
33 serious about those things that she felt were always going to be important. She showed her

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1 students as well as those around her the importance of pride, education, and justice. Mrs.
2 McMillan's spirit will forever remain an inspiration to all, and her legacy will live on forever.

3 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this Body
4 celebrates the life of Enolia P. McMillan, who as a mother, wife, educator, and former president
5 of the NAACP, was a relentless fighter for justice who dedicated her life to initiating the
6 betterment of ours, and the crusade of equality for people of all races, creeds, and colors.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
8 Local and National Chapters of the NAACP, the Family of Enolia P. McMillan, and the Mayor's
9 Legislative Liaison to the Council.