

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0169R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen  
Introduced and adopted: May 1, 2023

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Welcoming the Golden Rule Peace Ship to Baltimore**

FOR the purpose of welcoming the Golden Rule Peace Ship (the Golden Rule) to Baltimore City; and encouraging Baltimoreans to visit the ship and learn about its history.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1958, 4 nuclear weapons abolitionists sailed a 39-foot ketch, the Golden Rule, towards the Marshall Islands to protest nuclear bomb tests that were producing globally detectable radioactive fallout, an action that resulted in their arrest, captured the public's attention, and led to the 1963 ratification of the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty by the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom.

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, in the wake of the Golden Rule's second sinking, Veterans for Peace, wooden boat enthusiasts, and other volunteers salvaged and restored the Golden Rule.

**WHEREAS**, the Golden Rule is now undertaking a 15-month educational "Great Loop" tour, sailing down the Mississippi River and other rivers, around the Gulf of Mexico, down to Key West and Cuba, up the East Coast, and through the Great Lakes to Chicago. The Golden Rule will visit over 100 ports of call, including Baltimore.

**WHEREAS**, the Golden Rule will dock in Baltimore City between April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, Marylanders in general, and Baltimoreans in particular, have repeatedly expressed their strong opposition to nuclear weapons in many ways over the years, including:

- (1) the declaration of Nuclear Free Zones in Baltimore in 1992;
- (2) Mayor Dixon's commitment to work towards a ban on nuclear weapons with Mayors for Peace in 2008;
- (3) the passage of Council Bill 18-0096R, Request for Federal Action - Move Back from the Brink and Toward Nuclear Disarmament in 2018; and
- (4) Baltimore-based organization Prevent Nuclear War Maryland's ongoing advocacy for verifiable global nuclear disarmament.

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

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1       **WHEREAS**, the Golden Rule and crew will be welcoming the public to free tours of the  
2 historic boat at Pier 5 and making themselves available for public educational talks at various  
3 venues to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1958 arrests and the launch of citizen action to  
4 prevent nuclear war.

5       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City  
6 Council welcomes the Golden Rule Peace Ship to Baltimore City waters and encourages  
7 Baltimoreans to visit the vessel, to learn about its history, and to extend every courtesy to the  
8 boat and its crew.

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