CITY OF BALTIMORE ORDINANCE Council Bill 23-0412

Introduced by: Councilmember Torrence Introduced and read first time: July 17, 2023

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

Committee Report: Favorable Council action: Adopted

Read second time: August 21, 2023

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1	City Property - Renaming Playground at Hanlon Park After Ruby K. Couch
2	FOR the purpose of changing the name of the playground at Hanlon Park, located at 2731 North
3	Longwood Street, to the Ruby K. Couch Playground.
4	By authority of
5	Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
6	Section 20-2
7	Baltimore City Code
8	(Edition 2000)
9	Recitals
10	Mrs. Ruby K. Couch was a dedicated community leader, known as the "Matriarch of
11	Hanlon". She was a founding member of the Hanlon Improvement Association and later became
12	president. Mrs. Couch worked diligently to unite the neighborhood by promoting public service,
13	environmental justice, community engagement, youth mentoring, and more. Her extensive
14	volunteer efforts included educational advocacy, political engagement, and increasing resources
15	for the neighborhood's most vulnerable members. Additionally, much of the beautification and
16	maintenance of Hanlon Park can be attributed to Mrs. Couch's leadership and organizing efforts.
17	One of Mrs. Couch's many accomplishments includes helping to secure a historical designation
18	for Hanlon Park. For all of Mrs. Couch's leadership and activism, this bill renames the Hanlon
19	Park playground as "Ruby K. Couch Playground".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

name of the playground at Hanlon Park, located at 2731 North Longwood Street, is changed to

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

the Ruby K. Couch Playground.

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Certified as duly passed this <u>21</u> day of <u>August</u>	_, 20 <u>_23</u>
	J.M.
	President, Baltimore City Council
Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,	
this _21_ day ofAugust, 20_23_	
	Louras Autin
	Chief Clerk
Approved this day of, 20	
	Mayor, Baltimore City