CITY OF BALTIMORE 257 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 | |
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| 1 | City Property - Renaming Playground at Hanlon Park After Ruby K. Couch | |
| 2 3 | FOR the purpose of changing the name of the playground at Hanlon Park, located at 2731 North 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 | |
| 0 | Mrs. Ruby K. Couch was a dedicated community leader, known as the "Matriarch of | |
| 1 | Hanlon". She was a founding member of the Hanlon Improvement Association and later became | |
| 2 | president. Mrs. Couch worked diligently to unite the neighborhood by promoting public service, | |
| | environmental justice, community engagement, youth mentoring, and more. Her extensive | |
| 4 | volunteer efforts included educational advocacy, political engagement, and increasing resources | |
| 5 | for the neighborhood's most vulnerable members. Additionally, much of the beautification and maintenance of Hanlon Park can be attributed to Mrs. Couch's leadership and organizing efforts. | |
| 7 | One of Mrs. Couch's many accomplishments includes helping to secure a historical designation | |
| 8 | for Hanlon Park. For all of Mrs. Couch's leadership and activism, this bill renames the Hanlon | |
| 9 | Park playground as "Ruby K. Couch Playground". | |
| 0 | SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the | |
| 1 | name of the playground at Hanlon Park, located at 2731 North Longwood Street, is changed to | |
| 2 | the Ruby K. Couch Playground. | |
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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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day

after the date it is enacted.

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Council Bill 23-412

| Certified as duly passed this 21 day of August | , 20 <u>_23</u> | | |
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| Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor, | | | |
| this 21 day of August 20 23 | | | |
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| | Chief Clerk | | |
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| Approved this 21 day of fourt, 202) | | | |
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| | Mayor, Baltimore City | | |

Approved fo rForm and Legal Sufficiency This 25th Day of August, 2023. Elena R Di Pietro

Chief Solicitor