CITY OF BALTIMORE ORDINANCE Council Bill 07-0574

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore City Police Department)

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: February 26, 2007

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

| 1 | City Property – Naming the Baltimore City Police Department Headquarters to be |
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| 2 | the Bishop L. Robinson, Sr. Headquarters Police Administration Building |
| 3 | FOR the purpose of naming the Baltimore City Police Department Headquarters, located at 601 |
| 4 | East Fayette Street, to be the Bishop L. Robinson, Sr. Headquarters Police Administration |
| 5 | Building; and providing for a special effective date. |
| 6 | By authority of |
| 7 | Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement |
| 8 | Section 20-2 |
| 9 | Baltimore City Code |
| 10 | (Edition 2000) |
| 11 | Recitals |
| 12 | Bishop L. Robinson, the first African American to serve as Police Commissioner |
| 13 | of Baltimore City, has had a distinguished career of more than 50 years of service |
| 14 | to the citizens of Baltimore and to the citizens of Maryland. |
| 15 | In 1951, he began his law enforcement career as a park police patrolman, and, in |
| 16 | 1953, he left the Police Department to work with the federal Bureau of Narcotics |
| 17 | and Dangerous Drugs. After a year, he returned to become a detective on the |
| 18 | fledgling narcotics squad. In 1967, he took a position with the training division |
| 19 | and began a decade-long rise through the ranks that included command of the |
| 20 | Eastern District, the patrol division, and the operations bureau, the Number 2 |
| 21 | position in the Police Department at that time. In 1984, he was appointed Police |
| 22 | Commissioner, and, in 1987, he was appointed Secretary of Public Safety and |
| 23 | Correctional Services for the State of Maryland, a position that he held for 10 |
| 24 | years. He also served as the Interim Secretary of Juvenile Justice from December |
| 25 | 15, 1999 to April 6, 2000, and then he served as the Secretary of Juvenile Justice |
| 26 | from April 6, 2000, to January 15, 2003. |

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.

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| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | At the time he was appointed Police Commissioner, he recalled that he always tried to keep to four guiding principles in his life: prudence, integrity, morality, and God. And referring to a subject that became an issue years before his appointment, he said that it was those principles, coupled with his experience and education, that brought him to the command of the police force — not color. He also said that Baltimore was "one city, one people" and that he would serve as Police Commissioner "to all the people". And his actions as Police Commissioner show that he did just that. Baltimore and the State of Maryland are better places today because of Bishop L. Robinson's contributions of service. |
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| 10 11 12 | SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE , That the Baltimore City Police Department Headquarters, located at 601 East Fayette Street, is named the Bishop L. Robinson, Sr. Headquarters Police Administration Building. |
| 13 14 | SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED , That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30 th day after the date it is enacted. |
| | Certified as duly passed this day of, 20 |
| | President, Baltimore City Council |
| | Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor, |
| | this day of, 20 |
| | Chief Clerk |
| | Approved this day of, 20 |
| | Mayor, Baltimore City |