

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0265R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Scott, All Members
Introduced and adopted: December 7, 2020

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing the Service of Comptroller Joan Pratt

FOR the purpose of recognizing Comptroller Joan Pratt for her decades of service to Baltimore City.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Comptroller Joan Pratt was born and raised in Baltimore City, and became a Certified Public Accountant in the early 1980s;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt opened her own accounting firm in the late 1980s and continues to operate the firm today;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt received her masters degree in taxation from the University of Baltimore in the early 1990s;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt became a trustee for the Baltimore City Elected Official's Retirement System and the Fire and Police Employee's Retirement System in 1990;

WHEREAS, In 1995, Comptroller Pratt was elected to her first term as Baltimore City Comptroller, making her the second Black woman to serve as Baltimore City Comptroller since the office was created in 1900;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt has served as Baltimore City Comptroller since her 1995 victory;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt is a voting member of the Baltimore City Board of Finance, a member of the Architectural and Engineering Awards Commission, Chairwoman of the City Expenditure Control Committee; Chairwoman of the Space Utilization Committee, Treasurer of the Baltimore Hotel Corporation Board and member of the Board's Audit Committee;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt is a board member for The Empowerment Academy and an ex-officio board member for The Baltimore Museum of Art, and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – Rho Xi Omega Chapter and the Harbor City Chapter of The Links, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Comptroller Pratt is a long-time member and trustee of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church;

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

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1 **WHEREAS**, Comptroller Pratt has been the recipient of the National Achievement Award in
2 Government from the National Association of Black Accountants, the Joyce M. Johnson Award
3 from the National Association of Securities Professionals, and the Economic Development
4 Award from the Black Women’s Agenda, Inc.;

5 **WHEREAS**, Comptroller Pratt has been recognized by both The Daily Record and Baltimore
6 Magazine as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women;

7 **WHEREAS**, Comptroller Pratt has worked to keep Baltimore City fiscally stable for decades,
8 and will be missed by the Baltimore City Council; and

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
10 Council recognizes Comptroller Joan Pratt for her decades of service to Baltimore City.

11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Comptroller Pratt
12 and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.