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Legislation Text

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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: The Council President

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

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

City Property - Naming the Baltimore City Police Department Headquarters to be the Bishop L. Robinson Headquarters

FOR the purpose of naming the Baltimore City Police Department Headquarters, located at 601 East Fayette Street, to be the Bishop L. Robinson Headquarters.

BY authority of

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

Section 20-2

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

Recitals

Bishop L. Robinson, the first African American to serve as Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, has had a distinguished career of more than 50 years of service to the citizens of Baltimore and to the citizens of Maryland.

In 1951, he began his law enforcement career as a park police patrolman, and, in 1953, he left the Police Department to work with the federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. After a year, he returned to become a detective on the fledgling narcotics squad. In 1967, he took a position with the training division and began a decade-long rise through the ranks that included command of the Eastern District, the patrol division, and the operations bureau, the Number 2 position in the Police Department at that time. In 1984, he was appointed Police Commissioner, and, in 1987, he was appointed Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the State of Maryland, a position that he held for 10 years. He also served as the Interim Secretary of Juvenile Justice from December 15, 1999 to April 6, 2000, and then he served as the Secretary of Juvenile Justice from April 6, 2000, to January 15, 2003.

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.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the the Baltimore City Police Department Headquarters, located at 601 East Fayette Street, is named the Bishop L. Robinson Headquarters.

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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