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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning
In Honor of Leah Waller - 2007 Baltimore City Public School System Teacher of the Year

FOR the purpose of congratulating Leah Waller, 1st Grade Teacher, Maree Garnett Farring Elementary School, on being named the Baltimore City Public School System's Teacher of the Year for 2007, expressing appreciation for her 8 years of dedicated service to the children of Baltimore, and supporting her candidacy for Maryland Teacher of the Year; and providing for a special effective date.

In announcing that Leah Waller, a 1st grade teacher at Maree Garnett Farring Elementary School, #203, 300 Pontiac Avenue, had been named the Baltimore City Public School System's Teacher of the Year for 2007, the interim CEO aptly commented: "Ms. Waller represents the best and brightest of Baltimore's teacher workforce. Her achievements are especially notable because she is so early into her teaching career. I am especially excited to have this opportunity to extend my personal thanks for her deep level of commitment to the children of Baltimore City."

Ms. Waller, an 8 year veteran of the Baltimore City Public School System, received a teaching degree in her native Ukraine and continued her education in this country, receiving a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Education degree in Early Childhood Education from Towson University. She shares her knowledge with other education professionals as a "demonstration teacher" for the Children's Literacy Initiative and as a mentor to student teachers and new educators.

The Teacher of the Year is selected by a Blue Ribbon Committee made up of Baltimore City school officials and members of the Baltimore Teachers Union. As Baltimore City Teacher of the Year, Leah Waller will go on to compete for Maryland Teacher of the Year, the program that brings recognition to excellence in the classroom by educators throughout the State. All local Teachers of the Year are honored by the Maryland State Board of Education. The Teacher chosen as Maryland Teacher of the Year represents Maryland teachers on numerous State committees and advisory boards and addresses a variety of conferences and conventions throughout the 1 year reign. The Maryland Teacher of the Year will be announced at a gala awards dinner in the fall of 2007.

Ms. Waller, whose special areas of interest are technology integration into classroom instruction and parent involvement, is also active in her community. She tutors students at the Jemicy School, serves as a camp

counselor, and teaches in after school and summer programs. She is a worthy role model not only in her school, but also in her community.

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, This Body hereby congratulates Leah Waller, 1st Grade Teacher, Maree Garnett Farring Elementary School, on being named the Baltimore City Public School System's Teacher of the Year for 2007, expresses appreciation for her 8 years of dedicated service to the children of Baltimore, and supports her candidacy for Maryland Teacher of the Year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Ms. Leah Waller, the Principal of Maree Garnett Farring Elementary School, the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Secretary of the Maryland State Department of Education.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution takes effect on the date it is enacted.

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