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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, Middleton, and Spector

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning
Supporting the Nomination of the Hon. James D. Healy to the National Freight Advisory Committee

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Secretary of Transportation appoint the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, as a member of the NFAC Committee, to represent the views and interests of local governments in America.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is establishing a National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) and soliciting nominations for membership.

WHEREAS, the NFAC will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on matters related to freight transportation in the United States, including: (1) Implementation of the freight transportation requirements of MAP 21; (2) Establishment of the National Freight Network; (3) Development of a National Freight Strategic Plan; (4) Development of strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisor Committee and State Freight Plans; and (5) Development of measures of conditions and performance in freight transportation; (6) Development of freight transportation investment, data, and planning tools; and (7) Legislative recommendations.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has requested nominations for members of the Committee to ensure a wide range of members and a balanced Committee.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation will appoint committee members with a view toward achieving varied perspectives on freight transportation, including from government bodies, and seeking to balance the interests of many groups including those of local elected officials.

WHEREAS, Counties play an integral role in the movement of freight in America owning and operating: 44% of all public roads and highways; 228,026 bridges of all kinds; 27% of public transit systems; and 30% of public airports.

WHEREAS, Elected County Officials play a key role in economic development efforts in their regions and development of new regional transportation infrastructure, serving on, or being actively involved in, all of the nations Port Authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and Development Organizations.

WHEREAS, the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, serves as Transportation Chairman for the National Association of Counties (NACo), having also served NACo as Chairman of the Highway, Airport and Transit Authorization SubCommittees, and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), and served as the Chairman and ViceChairman of the Transportation and Public Works Committees in his home County, as well as a past member of his local regional planning organization.

WHEREAS, the Honorable James D. Healy has been a vocal proponent of local governments working together in cooperation with the freight, shipping, and railroad industries, hosting the first freight/railroad summit last year bringing together 250 local elected officials and representatives of the freight, shipping, and railroad industry, and is singularly responsible for the positive dialogue now occurring between local government officials and the railroad industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the Council hereby requests that the Secretary of Transportation appoint the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, as a member of the NFAC Committee, to represent the views and interests of local governments in America.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to The United States Secretary of Transportation, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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