



City of Baltimore

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Legislation Text

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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Henry

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
City Property - Renaming Leith Walk Recreation Center to the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center

FOR the purpose of changing the name of Leith Walk Recreation Center, located at 1235 Sherwood Avenue, to the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center.

BY authority of
Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
Section 20-2
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Recitals

Ken Harris, throughout his life, worked hard to uplift and improve his community in North and Northeast Baltimore. One particular focus of his efforts was his struggle to guide children onto and along the right paths of life, particularly those children in the Ramblewood Community.

As a Baltimore City Councilman, he looked out for all of our City's children. He sought to keep students on the right course by championing the Baltimore Truancy Assessment Centers to counsel and provide needed social services to kids who "skip" class. He worked to change eviction procedures to keep families and children from being thrown out onto the street with their belongings. And he consistently challenged the Police Department to be prudent in charging youths with minor offenses that could jeopardize their future jobs and education. Perhaps most importantly, he made ending the cycle of violence on our City's streets that mars the lives of so many of our young people his signature priority.

Before Ken Harris began fighting for all of Baltimore's youth as a Councilman, he worked tirelessly to support the children of his neighborhood through his service as first a member, and later president, of the Leith Walk Parent Teacher Association. He cared deeply about the well being of children in the Ramblewood Community, and it would be fitting to honor him by renaming the Leith Walk Recreation Center, which is located in that community.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the name of Leith Walk Recreation Center, located at 1235 Sherwood Avenue, is changed to the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center.

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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