



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Legislation Text

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### Introductory\*

### City of Baltimore Council Bill **R** (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Glover and Councilmember Stokes

### A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

### **City Property - Renaming Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School to Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy Elementary/Middle School**

For the purpose of changing the name of Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School, located at 600 North Patterson Park Avenue, to Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy Elementary/Middle School.

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

### Recitals

Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy, a Baltimore City Councilmember and champion for Baltimore’s underdogs, arrived in Baltimore in 1964 as a single mother with 5 children. Gaddy earned her bachelors degree from Antioch University in and in the early 1970s joined the East Baltimore Children’s Fund. Using what she learned from her experienced with the Fund, Gaddy founded a homeless shelter, which became the Bea Gaddy Family Centers, Inc. In 1981 she started a community kitchen for Baltimoreans in need, and held an annual free Thanksgiving dinner that became well known in the City. Later, Gaddy also founded a furniture bank and a program refurbishing abandoned City row homes. She became an ordained pastor and buried the poor at no charge to their families. Gaddy won many awards during her time in Baltimore, including Afro American Woman of the Year in 1984, the National Council of Negro Women Humanitarian Award in 1988, and the Mayor’s Citation in 1988. Gaddy was named “Marylander of the Year” by The Baltimore Sun in 1992, and in 1999 was elected to the Baltimore City Council. Tragically, she passed away in 2001 from cancer, but the City will always remember the woman known as “the Mother Teresa of Baltimore” or “St. Bea”.

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the mayor and city council of Baltimore,** That the name of Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School, located at 600 North Patterson Park Avenue, is changed to Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy Elementary/Middle School.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.