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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: President Mosby

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Recognizing the Service of Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr.

For the purpose of recognizing Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr. for his 46 years of dedication and service to the Baltimore City Fire Department and the citizens of Baltimore.

Recitals

Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr. entered service with the Baltimore City Fire Department 46 years ago in 1977. As Department spokesperson, Chief Clark has proved himself essential in keeping City officials, community organizations, and residents informed about the Department's heroic work to keep Baltimore safe.

Chief Clark was a trailblazer when he chose to be a firefighter in 1977. The Department had only graduated its first class of Black candidates from the Baltimore City Fire Academy 23 years earlier in 1953. Four years prior to the start of Chief Clark's career, in 1973, a federal court judge found that there was a pattern of racial discrimination within the Department.

In 1977 Chief Clark was the only Black firefighter in his first Company, Truck Company 8. After 3 years of service and training at Truck Company 8, Chief Clark served with Truck 10 for 15 years.

Following an injury in the line of duty, Chief Clark became the first Black aide to Chief Herman Williams, the first Black Chief of the Baltimore Fire Department. Chief Clark has since served under 5 separate Fire Chiefs, ultimately becoming the spokesman for the Department.

A life-long Baltimorean, Chief Clark has led a long, brave, and distinguished career in the Department and has served as a mentor to generations of young firefighters.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council recognizes Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr. for his distinguished service to the City of Baltimore and expresses its gratitude for his dedication to the Baltimore City Fire Department.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Chief Clark, the Mayor, and the

Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.