

1 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-64-09**

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5 **Introduced by Alderwomen Finlayson and Hoyle**

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7 **Co-Sponsored by Mayor Moyer**
8 **Alderman Arnett**
9 **Alderman Israel**
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reading:	Public Hearing:	Fiscal Impact Note:	120 Day Rule:
10/26/09	N/A	N/A	N/A
Referred to:	Meeting Date:	Action Taken:	

11 **A RESOLUTION concerning**

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13 **Requesting that a Public School be Named for the Late Phillip L. Brown**

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15 **FOR** the purpose of requesting that a public school be named for the late Phillip L. Brown.

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County is considering naming a
18 public school in the Annapolis area after the late Phillip L. Brown; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Phillip L. Brown was a teacher in the Anne Arundel County public school
21 system for many years; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Phillip L. Brown, a person of color, taught not only in the classroom, but also
24 by his courageous example of leadership in opposing racially-segregated
25 schools, which were based on the racial caste system that was a legacy of
26 slavery; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, Phillip L. Brown’s leadership in civil rights included participation in the
29 successful litigation which ended racial discrimination in compensating public
30 school teachers; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the compensation case was one of a series of cases which eventually led to
33 the decision of the United States Supreme Court that separate schools for
34 black and white races were inherently unequal and thus violated the Equal
35 Protection Clause of the Federal Constitution;and
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1 **WHEREAS**, Phillip L. Brown recently died after passing his 100th birthday; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to recognize the lasting contribution of Phillip L. Brown
4 to a more humane society in which the dignity of every person without regard
5 to race of the arbitrary classification is respected; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, in view of Phillip L. Brown's long association with the Anne Arundel County
8 public schools, it would be appropriate to recognize his contribution to civil
9 rights by naming a public school for Mr. Brown.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
13 Anne Arundel County Board of Education is requested to name a public school in the
14 Annapolis Area for Phillip L. Brown;
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16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City Clerk
17 forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Brown's widow and the Anne Arundel County Board
18 of Education.
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23 **ADOPTED** this 26th day of October, 2009.

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25 **ATTEST:** **THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**
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28 **BY:** _____
29 **Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC** **ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR**
30 **City Clerk**