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2 **Linnell Lane** – For the purpose of renaming Chase Street to “Linnell Lane” for one day  
3 on the occasion of Linnell Bowen’s retirement on June 9, 2017.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
6 **City of Annapolis**

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8 **Resolution 20-17**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderman Budge, Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Littmann**  
11 **Alderman Arnett, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Paone,**  
12 **Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Kirby and Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Linnell Lane**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of renaming Chase Street to “Linnell Lane” for one day on the  
20 occasion of Linnell Bowen’s retirement on June 9, 2017.

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22 **WHEREAS,** twenty-one years ago Linnell Bowen became President of Maryland Hall  
23 and has been a leading advocate for arts in the community; and

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25 **WHEREAS,** formerly both a student and a history teacher at Annapolis High School,  
26 Linnell Bowen led the adaptive reuse of the 85-year old structure into a  
27 facility that has room for year-round performances, educational classes,  
28 and art exhibitions; and

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30 **WHEREAS,** Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts is our community’s arts center,  
31 providing lifelong, accessible engagement in the arts; and

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33 **WHEREAS,** Maryland Hall has many arts-related programs, including Arts Education,  
34 Outreach, Visual Arts, Performance Arts, Resident Companies, Artists-in-  
35 Residence, Community Partners and Peabody Preparatory, each year  
36 presenting more than 700 classes, 60 performances, showcasing the works  
37 of hundreds of emerging and professional artists, and serving nearly a  
38 thousand at-risk students through ArtReach workshops; and

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40 **WHEREAS,** Maryland Hall reinforces the reputation of Annapolis as an arts and  
41 cultural destination in the State, contributing significantly to the region’s  
42 vibrancy, quality of life, and economy; and

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44 **WHEREAS,** Linnell Bowen believes art is important to all children in shaping and  
45 enriching their lives and developed a partnership between Maryland Hall  
46 and the Anne Arundel County Schools to redevelop Wiley H. Bates

1 Middle School into a highly successful Magnet School that inspires  
2 students through a rigorous arts-infused curriculum; and  
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4 **WHEREAS,** Linnell Bowen has been selected one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and  
5 was inducted into the Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame.  
6 Bowen has served on many community boards including the Arts Council  
7 of Anne Arundel County, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber  
8 of Commerce, the Scenic and Historic Roads Commission, Annapolis  
9 Cultural Arts District, the Four Rivers Heritage Area, Leadership Anne  
10 Arundel, Mitchell Gallery, Scholarships for Scholars, Annapolis and Anne  
11 Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau and the Rotary Club of  
12 Annapolis; and  
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14 **WHEREAS,** Linnell Bowen announced that she will retire as President of Maryland  
15 Hall on June 9, 2017; and  
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17 **WHEREAS,** Speaker of the House, Michael Busch, said "Linnell has been an important  
18 influence in developing the arts community of our county. We honor the  
19 work that she has done for so many to be able to have access to the arts";  
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22 **WHEREAS,** The Capital Gazette editorialized "Annapolis has a thriving arts and  
23 cultural scene unusual for a city of its size. Maryland Hall is its ground  
24 zero... It wouldn't have happened without Linnell Bowen"; and  
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26 **WHEREAS,** Maryland Hall is located at 801 Chase Street in Annapolis, Maryland; and  
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28 **WHEREAS,** Maryland Hall will host an evening to honor Linnell Bowen for her 21  
29 years as the President on Friday, June 9 at 7:30PM.  
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31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**  
32 that on June 9, 2017 Chase Street shall be named "Linnell Lane" for the day to mark the  
33 occasion of Linnell Bowen's retirement.  
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#### 35 **EXPLANATION**

36 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

37 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

38 Underlining indicates amendments.  
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