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2 **Larkin Street Commemoration** - For the purpose of commemorating Larkin Street; allocating
3 funds for a commemorative sign; and generally related to commemorating Larkin Street.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**

6 *City of Annapolis*

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8 **Resolution 28-19**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Tierney Mayor Buckley, Alderman Savidge,**

11 **Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

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13 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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15 **Larkin Street Commemoration**

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17 **FOR** the purpose of commemorating Larkin Street; allocating funds for a commemorative sign;
18 and generally related to commemorating Larkin Street.

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21 **WHEREAS,** in Annapolis during the 1950s, due to an increase in federally funded grants, public
22 housing construction and development propagated and there was a sense of hope
23 and increased financial opportunity that ushered in an awakening within the
24 African-American community; and

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26 **WHEREAS,** the African-American community flourished through a network of fraternities,
27 sororities, the Legionnaires, the Elks, the Masons, and other social and professional
28 organizations, many of which were located in the “Old Fourth Ward”, also known
29 as the “Annapolis Harlem” at the time; and

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31 **WHEREAS,** by the 1960s, the African-American population in Annapolis had grown
32 exponentially, but because they were socioeconomically underserved, local
33 representatives had to advocate for improved education and increased housing for
34 their citizens; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** through years of federally funded urban redevelopment, African-American
37 residents were displaced from their community in the Old Fourth Ward and moved
38 to public housing on the outskirts of the City limits, where there was no public
39 transportation to get to jobs downtown; and

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41 **WHEREAS,** of particular note, African-American families were displaced from their homes on
42 Larkin Street to make way for redevelopment on what is now known as City Gate
43 Lane for the purpose of eliminating substandard housing at Gott's Court,
44 Washington and Clay Streets, and to erect a parking garage for the Anne Arundel
45 County Government; and

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2 **WHEREAS,** we cannot bring back the Annapolis Harlem of the Old Fourth Ward, but we can
3 remember and recognize the past cultural richness of the African-American
4 Community that once resided on Larkin Street in the Old Fourth Ward; and
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6 **WHEREAS,** the City Council desires to commemorate a piece of history by placing a sign
7 directly below the City Gate Lane sign stating: “previously ‘Larkin Street’ of the
8 Old Fourth Ward” as a symbolic gesture that the cultural richness of the Annapolis
9 Harlem shall never be forgotten.

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11 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** desires the installation of a sign
14 directly below the City Gate Lane sign stating “previously ‘Larkin Street’ of the Old Fourth Ward”.

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16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
17 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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19 **EXPLANATION**

20 Underlining indicates matter added.

21 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.
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