



Legislation Text

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Honoring Alderman Richard E. Israel - for the purpose of honoring and remembering Alderman Richard E. Israel and his contributions to the City of Annapolis and the State of Maryland.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 20-15

Sponsored by: Mayor Pantelides, Aldermen Joe Budge, Alderman Fred Paone, Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Jared Littmann, Alderman Kenneth A. Kirby, Alderman Ian Pfeiffer, Alderman Ross Arnett

**Referred to
Rules and City Government**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Honoring Alderman Richard E. Israel

FOR for the purpose of honoring and remembering Alderman Richard E. Israel and his contributions to the City of Annapolis and the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Richard E. Israel was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, an only child and graduated from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, receiving his law degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Annapolis was home to Alderman Israel for 40 years, after coming to the City in 1975 to join the Maryland Department of Legislative Reference staff and serving 25 years as an Assistant Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, During his eight year career as an Annapolis Alderman, he served as the Chair of the Finance Committee with oversight of the City's budget and was Chair of the Rules and City Government Committee with review of all proposed amendments to the City Charter and Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Israel always said that he wanted to be remembered for his legislation; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Israel introduced bills establishing a City-wide Heritage Commission and a Blue Ribbon Commission on City finances. The Council approved his Adequate Public Facilities legislation, a Bond Fund and the Citizens Committee to Review Alcoholic Beverage Laws (CCRABL). His legislation introduced First Sundays to Annapolis, March Madness, the Boat Shows, and the regulation of special events; and

WHEREAS, While we will all remember Alderman Israel in our own way, for many of us in City Hall, we will remember his quick wit, his kind personality, his brilliant mind, his sensitivity to his constituents, and his love of the law and his community; and

WHEREAS, We hope Annapolis citizens will all find comfort in the memory of Alderman Richard E. Israel's lessons and examples, that we all have the ability to make our City, and each other, better through simple conversation and the ability to listen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that we all come together tonight and recognize his significant contributions to our community and dedicate ourselves to keeping his memory alive.

EXPLANATION

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

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

Underlining indicates amendments.