



Legislation Text

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

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Resolution 20-17 Amended

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

A RESOLUTION concerning

Linnell Lane

FOR the purpose of renaming Chase Street to “Linnell Lane” for one day on the occasion of Linnell Bowen’s retirement on June 9, 2017 and the street shall thereafter bear that name in an honorary capacity.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Linnell Bowen believes art is important to all children in shaping and enriching their lives and developed a partnership between Maryland Hall and the Anne Arundel County Schools to

redevelop Wiley H. Bates Middle School into a highly successful Magnet School that inspires students through a rigorous arts-infused curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Linnell Bowen has been selected one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and was inducted into the Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame. Bowen has served on many community boards including the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, the Scenic and Historic Roads Commission, Annapolis Cultural Arts District, the Four Rivers Heritage Area, Leadership Anne Arundel, Mitchell Gallery, Scholarships for Scholars, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau and the Rotary Club of Annapolis; and

WHEREAS, Linnell Bowen announced that she will retire as President of Maryland Hall on June 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Speaker of the House, Michael Busch, said "Linnell has been an important influence in developing the arts community of our county. We honor the work that she has done for so many to be able to have access to the arts"; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Gazette editorialized "Annapolis has a thriving arts and cultural scene unusual for a city of its size. Maryland Hall is its ground zero... It wouldn't have happened without Linnell Bowen"; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Hall is located at 801 Chase Street in Annapolis, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Hall will host an evening to honor Linnell Bowen for her 21 years as the President on Friday, June 9 at 7:30PM.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that on June 9, 2017 Chase Street shall be named "Linnell Lane" for the day to mark the occasion of Linnell Bowen's retirement and the street shall thereafter bear that name in an honorary capacity.

EXPLANATION

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

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