COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 21

Resolution No. 43-26

Mr. Pat Young, Councilman

By the County Council, November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council, in partnership with Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS), to establish an annual "BCPS Student Parliamentarian & Civics" Award.

WHEREAS, the basis of a democratic society is the belief in a fair and civil discourse to resolve conflicts and the practice of upholding the rule of law to ensure equal justice, preserve fundamental freedoms, and a responsive, honest, and effective government; and

WHEREAS, for our democracy to continue flourishing, each new generation must wrestle with these beliefs and principles, decide what they mean to them, and participate in our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the youth of Baltimore County to engage in the great democratic conversation, the County Council and BCPS have partnered to establish an annual BCPS Student Parliamentarian & Civics Award; and

WHEREAS, this award recognizes an outstanding BCPS Middle or High School student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment to advancing the principles of parliamentary democracy, good governance, and the pillars of civics; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of this Resolution, Councilman Pat Young, has been a supporter of parliamentary principles throughout his tenure as a State Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly, where he led the Baltimore County delegation, as well as during his term as the First

District Councilman, where he led efforts to reform the Council's legislative amendment and Work Session processes to ensure greater transparency and public participation in their local government; and

WHEREAS, with the County Council and County Government on the cusp of historic change, the Council finds it appropriate at this time to encourage greater student participation in local government by establishing an annual BCPS Student Parliamentarian & Civics Award; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Council, in partnership with BCPS, hereby establishes an annual BCPS Student Parliamentarian & Civics Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this annual recognition shall be awarded each spring by the County Council to a deserving BCPS Middle or High School student upon the selection by BCPS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the award recipient shall not be a BCPS Student School Board Member, a BCPS Student Council Executive Board Member, or a BCPS Junior Council Executive Board Member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Council and BCPS shall collaborate where necessary to further the implementation of this award program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the County Executive, the BCPS Superintendent, and the Baltimore County Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.

LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION	RESOLUTION 43-26
DISPOSITION	PASSED
ENACTED	N/A
EFFECTIVE	N/A
AMENDMENTS	NO

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