

Preamble

WHEREAS, Janet L. Hoffman was the first and longest-serving lobbyist for Baltimore City in Annapolis, who served full-time in her position for 33 years and another 10 years as a consultant, retiring in 1996 at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Sun called Ms. Hoffman "a strategist as well as a master of government finance" who used Baltimore's diminishing power in the General Assembly "with pre-eminent efficiency, building coalitions and making friends in high places"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoffman began her government career in 1949 as the first staff person employed by the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Bureau; and

WHEREAS, By the peak of her career as a lobbyist for the city, Ms. Hoffman was so effective in her work that she was known as Maryland's forty-eighth senator; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoffman's financial acuity helped her to create complicated financial formulas that helped the struggling city and other local jurisdictions pay for various spiraling expenses, including maintaining local welfare programs and quality school systems; and

WHEREAS, State Comptroller and former Governor William Donald Schaefer recalls that Ms. Hoffman "never misled anybody" and was "the smartest woman I ever met in the area of finance"; and

WHEREAS, Former Governor Marvin Mandel remembers Ms. Hoffman as "one of the most knowledgeable persons in Annapolis" who "had a passion for the city that drove her"; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin recalls Ms. Hoffman as "the most effective governmental lobbyist in the history of the State," and a person to whom he "owes his sensitivity toward fiscal matters"; and

WHEREAS, In his eulogy, U. S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes said of Ms. Hoffman, "First and foremost, Janet Hoffman was a distinguished public servant who fervently believed that governance in a democracy is a serious and noble enterprise"; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to local government by awarding them the chapter's Janet L. Hoffman Award; and

WHEREAS, With Ms. Hoffman's death on December 30, 2000, the State was left bereft of one of its wisest and ablest public servants; and

WHEREAS, Janet Hoffman is deserving of a lasting memorial to her exemplary career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoffman can most appropriately be memorialized by naming after her the State fund that provides financial assistance to graduates who choose to work in the public or the nonprofit sector; now, therefore,