

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 10

RESOLUTION NO. 126 - 2011

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Victor C. Crentsil to the Human Rights Commission.

Introduced and read first time on September 6, 2011.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 19, 2011.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on October 3, 2011.

Certified by Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Personal Narrative of Victor C. Crentsil:

Victor C. Crentsil was born in Chicago, Illinois, and has resided in Howard County, Maryland, for the past five years with his immigrant parents, who are originally from Ghana. Through his parents and mentors, Victor has been exposed to experiences that have emphasized the significance of a good character, personal and civic responsibility, and fighting for just causes. These values have been enhanced by the Catholic education he received at Woodmont Academy in Howard County. From Woodmont Academy, Victor went on to high school at Glenelg Country School (GCS), where he is currently a twelfth grader.

Over the past three years at Glenelg Country, Victor has put his values into action through various leadership and service roles. He has served as secretary of the GCS School Council, member of Howard County Voices for Change, and vice-president of Common Ground (Glenelg Country's diversity club). As vice-president of Common Ground, Victor helped organize events such as "Think Before You Speak Week," a week that promotes discrimination awareness. In addition, he has educated his peers about other cultures through presentations.

When Victor is not participating in extracurricular activities at school, he volunteers at the Howard County Food Bank Garden, spends time with his sister and brother, Eliana and Jasson, or works on his Help to Orphans project (H₂O). H₂O is a project Victor started in tenth grade to provide clean water to Haitian orphans by funding the development of a water system. With support from local organizations such as Fund for the Future of our Children, he has raised enough funds and the clean water system is currently under construction in Haiti. In recognition for his H₂O project, last year, Victor was nominated for Howard County Volunteer of the Year. He has also received awards for his other service projects. Victor hopes that through service projects, he will be able to continue to improve the lives of Howard County residents.

