



May 25, 2007

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
c/o Baltimore Office
Brown's Wharf
1629 Thames Street
Suite 400
Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Re: Request to name pocket park in your honor.

Dear Senator Mikulski,

The purpose of this letter is to request formal permission to fulfill the promise of our fabulous letterhead by dedicating our humble little pocket park to you and your years of service for the East Baltimore community, City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, the U.S.A., and the world in general. (Enclosed are the first two Newsletters of our Homestead Houses organization, which sum up our goals and progress to date.) To quote another Senator, "It takes a Village"—and we hope to emulate your tireless commitment in our local effort to improve city life one block at a time.

As a child growing up in East Baltimore, I remember attending school at Saint Patrick's, bowling at Patterson Bowling Alley when the Ruzins owned it, and picking up a peach cake or a cheese cake and some apple or jelly turnovers and Vienna bread from Mikulski's Bakery on Madeira Street with my Mom on the way to Busha's house on Rose Street from our house on Eastern Avenue two doors up from Melvin's Bar. I've known your name my entire life. The name Mikulski should not just be remembered but always be a presence in the ever ethnically changing East Baltimore as it was on that little corner bakery, a brand of hard work and integrity. Our little Park should be one of many sites where you are honored and I only hope that we can do it justice with our work.

Sincerely,

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