

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

Requesting the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in Congress of the United States to use their utmost endeavor and influence to secure the passage, at the earliest possible date, of a law appropriating sufficient money to erect suitable fortifications at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

Whereas, There are no fortifications at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay to protect the property, valued in the billions of dollars, lying on or of easy access thereto, from a foreign foe; and

Whereas, The Taft Board of Investigation of Sea Coast Defenses has reported favorably and recommended the fortification of the mouth of said bay; and,

Whereas, The most eminent of the U. S. Army engineers has recommended these fortifications; and,

Whereas, The President of the United States recommended these fortifications in his annual message to Congress; and

Whereas, An association formed of representatives of all the cities and towns bordering on Chesapeake Bay and tributaries in both Maryland and Virginia have investigated and recommended that these fortifications be built to protect the property in the States of Maryland and Virginia; therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in the Congress of the United States be and they are hereby respectfully requested to use their utmost endeavors to secure by an early date the passage of a law authorizing and appropriating sufficient money to properly defend the entrance of Chesapeake Bay so as to remove the constant menace to property bordering on said bay or its tributaries.

And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby respectfully requested to send a copy of these resolutions, duly attested under the seal of this State, to each of said Senators and Representatives.

Approved April 8, 1910.

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8.

Of the House of Delegates and Senate of Maryland ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas, It is provided by the fifth Article of the Constitution of the United States of America that Congress, whenever