

of the sea is of great importance to the commercial and shipping interests of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, There is now pending before the Congress of the United States, Senate Joint Resolution 102, which has for its purpose the equalization of the pay and allowances of commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of the Coast Guard with those of the Navy, said Senate Joint Resolution having been favorably reported by the Committee on Commerce of the Senate of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance that the provisions of said Joint Resolution be enacted into law at as early a date as practicable, in order that the Coast Guard may be able to retain the trained personnel, and to secure, by enlistment, suitable recruits to man its vessels and stations, which has become difficult on account of the greater rates of pay prevailing in practically all business and commercial pursuits, which conditions threaten the efficiency of the service; and

WHEREAS, It would be detrimental to the commercial and shipping interests of the State of Maryland, if for any reason the efficiency of the Coast Guard should become impaired; therefore

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the members of Congress from the State of Maryland be and they are hereby earnestly requested to give their support to Senate Joint Resolution 102 and to use their efforts to secure its early passage by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States; and be it further*

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Senator and Representative in Congress from the State of Maryland, to the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate and the Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 9, 1920.

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