

House of Representatives of the United States, requesting that they endeavor to have the United States Government permit the citizens of the State of Maryland to use the waters of Bush River, in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Maryland have been from time immemorial accustomed to enjoy the use and benefit of the waters of Bush River, a navigable stream which lies wholly within the State of Maryland, for fishing, ducking, navigation, sailing, etc., subject to such laws and regulations as have from time to time been enacted by the Federal and State Governments; and

WHEREAS, By a Proclamation of the President of the United States, dated the 16th of October, 1917, "Declaring the establishment of a reservation for a proposed Proving Ground," the land on both sides of said river was appropriated by the Federal Government for military purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Military Authorities of the United States have, under the supposed powers vested in them by said Proclamation, assumed jurisdiction over the waters of said river from the point where it empties into the Chesapeake Bay to the point where it is crossed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, a distance of about ten miles, and refuse to allow the citizens of this State to go upon or use the waters thereof for any purpose whatsoever within the aforesaid limits; and

WHEREAS, The said action of the said Military Authorities has imposed an unjust and unnecessary hardship upon the citizens of this State, who were accustomed to the use and enjoyment of said stream as aforesaid, and also to a large number of persons who were dependent for food upon the fish formerly taken therefrom; therefore

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Representatives from the State of Maryland in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States, respectively, be and they are hereby requested to promptly bring to the attention of the Adjutant General of the Army, and, if necessary, to Congress, the importance and necessity of altering the present laws, rules, regulations or orders in effect in reference to said Bush River and to pass such laws, rules, regulations or orders as will permit the*