

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

(House Joint Resolution 3)

A Resolution commending the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company on its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, one hundred and twenty-five years ago—come the 28th day of the month of February 1952—the Legislature of the State of Maryland granted the charter of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, first commercial railroad of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, of the following year of 1828, the First Stone of the Baltimore and Ohio was laid at Baltimore by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maryland, as the climax of a great celebration held by the people to mark the event. To Charles Carroll of Carrollton, distinguished son of Maryland, patriot of the dark days of the American Revolution, friend of George Washington, and the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, was accorded the honor of breaking the ground for the laying of the First Stone. As he performed this part of the ceremony, he said with a vision which time has truly proved to be prophetic: "I consider this among the most important acts of my life, second only to my signing the Declaration of Independence, if even it be second to that"; and

WHEREAS, one hundred years ago—come December 24 of this year of 1952—the building of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was completed to the Ohio River, and the promise of the founders of the railroad to link the Atlantic and the Ohio, great waterways of commerce, with a road of steel rails, was thus fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, this goal was not achieved without great difficulties, for the long history of the Railroad has been beset with vicissitudes, notably during the Civil War, when

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.