

tween businessmen through seminars and tours; assist in obtaining federal and state financing of foreign trade; promote investments, sales, distributions and exchanges of products, displays, educational and cultural data, and other such services between the State of Maryland and the Free Countries of Central and South America; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 22

(House Joint Resolution 87)

House Joint Resolution congratulating the Marine Police Division, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, State of Maryland on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding, commending the accomplishments and esprit of the personnel of such division, and recognizing the value of such Police in the protection and preservation of human life, property and the fruits of the sea in and on the waters of the State.

WHEREAS, The Marine Police Division, Maryland Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, is the lineal descendant of the Maryland State Oyster Police Force, established by the General Assembly of Maryland in 1868, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland is aware of the progress of the original force over the last century to the point where it is now recognized nationally as a superior group of well trained men whose esprit is high and who have demonstrated their ability to protect and preserve property and human life and to enforce the laws for the protection and conservation of water life in the State, oftentimes selflessly and at personal risk, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland wishes to express its thoughts on the foregoing matters; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Maryland Police Division, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs be congratulated upon the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its existence, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the personnel of the Division be commended for their demonstrated bravery, effectiveness and dedication to the service of the State in the performance of their mission, and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Affairs Commission, the Director of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and to the Commander of the Division in sufficient number for distribution to each office of the Division.

Approved May 7, 1968.