

its findings and its recommendations to the Legislative Delegation on or before the first day of December, 1968.

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No. 38

(House Joint Resolution 39)

House Joint Resolution to request the appointment of a Gubernatorial Commission to study the need for the establishment of an Archive of Maryland Folklife.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland is fortunate to have a diversity of folklife and geography ranging from the mountains of Western Maryland to the tidewater of the Eastern Shore encompassing truly America in Miniature; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has recognized the need for the preservation of our history and antiquity by the creation of the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Environmental Trust, it must now move to preserve and record the folklife of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other states have passed enabling legislation to establish an Ethnic Cultural Survey to collect, organize and publish information on folk life, and

WHEREAS, the report of the Legislative Council's Committee on Tourism on November 15, 1967, clearly recognizes the immediate and desperate need of preserving our past culture not only for the benefit of tourism but of even greater importance so that we will not lose the beauty, the culture, the greatness of Maryland; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint a "Commission for the Preservation of Maryland Folklife" the members of which shall be composed of not more than 15 persons and of that number there shall be representatives from the State Department of Economic Development, State Department of Forests and Parks, Maryland Historical Trust, Maryland Environmental Trust, Maryland Historical Society, the Baltimore Museum, and such other persons who would manifest by education, training or inclination an ability to serve on the Commission, for the purpose of studying the following problems.

(1) The need for both a regional and central archive for the preservation of Maryland Folklife.

(2) The need to coordinate all state, local and municipal agencies, societies, educational facilities, and other institutions and persons toward the preservation of Maryland Folklife,

(3) The need that such findings be of a permanent nature.

*Resolved,* That the Governor is requested to make such funds available to the Commission as may be necessary for the implemen-