such institutions, as to the extent to which demonstrated college-level learning is recognized and honored; and

WHEREAS, Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, persons who have moved to Maryland from one or several other states and acquired college-level knowledge through traditional or nontraditional means, and Maryland residents who may never have had the opportunity to attend college but who are self-taught; all deserve the opportunity to demonstrate the extent of such learning and be entitled to build upon it in Maryland institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, There are thousands of citizens who for reasons largely beyond their control did not complete formal degree requirements, but through other means have acquired useful knowledge comparable to course content in structured higher education programs, and that these citizens and the State could be well-served by a study of the concept of external degree programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body requests the State Board for Higher Education ~~to recommend to the Governor and to the legislature no later than December 15, 1976~~ 1977, ~~the most effective means to enable Maryland residents to demonstrate the full extent of learning in terms of college credits, and the most effective means to assure the full use of the credits to further the citizens post-secondary advancement in Maryland~~ to develop guidelines and procedures for the granting of credit for equivalency learning from life experiences in order that students enrolled in postsecondary institutions could be eligible for credit for learning obtained outside traditional academic programs while assuring the citizens of Maryland that academic standards will continue to be maintained; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor and the State Board for Higher Education, ~~16 Francis Street, 93 Main Street~~ 16 Francis Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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