

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

to lead proponents of his bill toward the final eradication of the Christian oath; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kennedy, by taking an unpopular stand in defense of a small and powerless minority, at great personal sacrifice, distinguished himself as a champion of justice and liberty in the history of Maryland and the history of this Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland State Arts Council and the Commission on Artistic Property are requested to jointly sponsor a statewide artistic competition for the purpose of creating an appropriate and lasting commemoration to Thomas Kennedy, for his courageous contribution to the cause of religious toleration in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland State Arts Council and the Commission on Artistic Property shall:

(1) explore sources of funding for an artistic competition and the commissioning of an appropriate work of art, from public or private sources, and dedicate such funds as necessary to create a worthy commemoration;

(2) solicit artistic proposals from artists throughout the State;

(3) judge the proposals submitted based upon criteria developed by the Council and the Commission;

(4) select a winning proposal and fund the work of the artist; and

(5) donate the completed work of art to the State House Trust for public display in or around the State House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to Rita Souweine, Chairperson, Maryland State Arts Council, 15 W. Mulberry Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; Oden Bowie, Chairperson, Commission on Artistic Property, 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, MD 21401; and Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse, Secretary, State House Trust, c/o State Archives, 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Signed May 14, 1987.