

triumph of the American Revolution, and also recognizes General Bernardo de Galvez and his men for their significant contributions and achievements in this respect; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland hereby urges historians nationwide to pursue a deeper examination and dissemination of the role played by Hispanics in the accomplishment of American independence as well as in the development and progress of the United States in general, and that study of these contributions be made an integral part of the social studies and history courses taught in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Signed April 8, 1997.

Joint Resolution No. 2

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 14)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Commission to Study the Feasibility of Hosting the CIAA Basketball Championship in Prince George's County

FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to study the feasibility of hosting the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Basketball Championship in Prince George's County for the tournament years 2000 through 2002.

WHEREAS, The CIAA consists of 12 historically black colleges and universities located in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland (Bowie State University); and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years the CIAA has conducted a postseason basketball tournament which has been held for the last 50 years in Virginia and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Winston-Salem, North Carolina has played host to the championships since 1994 and will continue to be the host site through 1999; and

WHEREAS, The CIAA Winston-Salem Steering Committee estimates that 20,000 fans attended the 1996 championship, generating \$8 million for the local economy; and

WHEREAS, The Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem seats 14,500 for basketball. If the CIAA were to hold the championship in Prince George's County, the additional seating capacity at the USAir Arena (19,600) would allow for more fans spending more money - approximately \$12.2 million; and