

Court building in honor of his service to the District Court of Maryland for Washington County and the State of Maryland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the new Washington County District Court building be named after J. Louis Boubnitz; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services 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 the Honorable Martha Rasin, Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland.

Signed May 18, 2000.

Joint Resolution No. 14

(House Joint Resolution No. 11)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Maryland Partnership for Long-Term Care Program

FOR the purpose of urging the U.S. Congress to amend the Social Security Act to allow assets exempted under a long-term care partnership program to be excluded from Medicaid estate recoveries; and directing that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to certain individuals.

WHEREAS, In 1993, the General Assembly enacted Chapter 513, establishing the Maryland Partnership for Long-Term Care Program ("Partnership Program"); and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Partnership Program was to provide incentives for individuals to purchase long-term care insurance and, consequently, to relieve the financial burden on the State when it assumes payment for long-term care needs of Maryland citizens under the Medical Assistance Program ("Medicaid"), by allowing an individual who exhausts private long-term care policy benefits to protect an equivalent value of assets and still satisfy Medicaid's financial eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the enactment of the Partnership Program legislation, Congress added § 1917 to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, frustrating the implementation of the Partnership Program by effectively removing the major incentive for an individual to participate; and

WHEREAS, § 1917 of the Social Security Act allows a Partnership Program participant who becomes Medicaid eligible to spend or otherwise dispose of protected