

Maryland be and they are hereby requested to urge every honorable means to secure the speedy refunding and reimbursement of the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars to the said corporate authorities of Frederick city, Maryland, or their authorized representatives.

Urge passage.

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No. 6.

Joint Resolution approving of the Quadri-Centennial commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus, by a World's Fair or Exposition at Washington under the control of the national government.

WHEREAS, the history of Maryland is so closely interwoven with the history of the country as to entitle her to be heard in the expression of a preference as to where such exposition shall be held, inasmuch as it was in the colony of Maryland that civil and religious liberty and genuine independence were first asserted and established on this continent; and Maryland as one of the original thirteen States contributed its full share of men and money to achieve the independence of the nation and has in every hour of doubt or danger since, shirked no duty or burden; it was her first governor who nominated George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the American army; it was upon her soil the definite treaty of peace was ratified by congress; here Washington surrendered into the hands of the people the commission under which he won our independence; Maryland initiated the movement that led to the formation and adoption of that model for all people desiring a republican form of government, the constitution of the United States, and that the independence for which she had so freely expended her best blood and treasure, might be the better enjoyed; when the general government was without money and almost without credit, she freely donated to the nation, the District of Columbia for the permanent location of the capital of the country and advanced money for the erection of the public buildings; and inasmuch as Maryland will take an active interest in the great American festival it is proposed to hold, and the visitors attending the exposition will naturally desire to visit this historic ground; in view of these facts,

Preamble

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State of Maryland most heartily approves of the proposed Quadri-Centennial anniversary celebration of the discovery of America by Columbus, by the holding of a World's Fair or Exposition in eighteen hundred and ninety-two, at the city of Washington*

World's Fair at Washington.