

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NO. 14.

Joint resolutions tendering the thanks of the State of Maryland to Commander Richard I. Leary, United States Navy, and authorize the Governor to procure and present to him, as a testimonial, a gold chronometer watch, suitably inscribed.

- Preamble WHEREAS, Commander Richard I. Leary, U. S. N., a native of this State, commanded the United States war-ship "Adams" during a critical period when confronted with a foreign naval force and discharged with heroism and ability the delicate diplomatic duties devolving upon him as a naval commander, by protesting against the unlawful bombardment of unfortified places occupied by women and children, and effectually preventing a continuation of the same, as threatened by the commander of the said foreign naval force, and
- Preamble WHEREAS, Commander Richard I. Leary, U. S. Navy, assumed the responsibility of remaining in Samoa, in the South Sea Islands, for the protection of American rights, after he had received orders to return home with the ship under his command, and he did there remain several months, vindicating American rights and enforcing respect for the American flag and the lives and property under its protection, until he was succeeded by Commander Dennis W. Mullan, U. S. N., commanding U. S. S. Nipsic, and
- Preamble. WHEREAS, Commander Richard I. Leary, U. S. Navy, on various occasions when informed by the American Consul of violations of American property, promptly and successfully caused the offenders to make reparation and compensation for such violation, and
- Preamble.1 WHEREAS, Commander Richard I. Leary U. S. Navy, when informed of a threatened attack to be made by said foreign naval forces upon native villages containing American property occupied by American citizens, effectually prevented such attack by unexpectedly accompanying the foreign war vessel to the disputed locality, making preparations for battle, and sending a written warning to the foreign naval commander that such attack would be opposed by force, and
- Preamble WHEREAS, all of said services were perilous, demanding courage and ability as a naval commander, and said acts reflect credit upon the American navy and upon his native State ; therefore,