

NO. 8.

(House Joint Resolution 10)

A Joint Resolution requesting that St. Mary's Seminary at St. Mary's, Maryland, be continued as a part of the State's educational system.

WHEREAS, the Maryland Commission on Higher Education, the so-called Marbury Commission, in its report issued as of February 1, 1947, has recommended the discontinuance of St. Mary's Seminary; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Seminary located at St. Mary's City, the birthplace of our great State, has a long and scholarly record as an integral part of the program of public education in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to discontinue established and substantial school facilities raises a serious question of consistency, it being advanced at a time when much consideration is being given to a general program of junior college education as a part of the public school system; and

WHEREAS, this institution was founded one hundred years ago to commemorate the founding of Maryland two hundred years previous; and

WHEREAS, it has served the State well by providing an education for many of the young women of the State, down through the years; and

WHEREAS, this is the only institution of higher learning in Southern Maryland; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this means be used to express the disapproval of this legislative body to any proposal to discontinue St. Mary's Seminary; and be it further

Resolved, That this body herewith registers its protest against any educational policy which would abandon the use of a valuable educational plant and leave one great section of the State without the educational opportunities it long has enjoyed and utilized.

Approved April 16, 1947.