

WHEREAS, the construction of said bridge will also give employment to a large number of people; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby requested to make available to the Chesapeake Bay Authority sufficient funds to construct a bridge across the Chesapeake Bay; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the House be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and to each representative from Maryland in the Congress of the United States.

Approved May 18, 1937.

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NO. 10.

Joint Resolution requesting the United States Bureau of Fisheries to investigate and determine the most suitable place for a shad hatchery in Maryland.

WHEREAS, the shad fishery of the Chesapeake Bay has long been recognized as one of the most important to the commercial fishermen of Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in recent years a marked depletion has seriously affected this fishery to the extent of millions of pounds. The maximum production in 1897 was 17,329,000 pounds, in 1935 the production was 3,682,900 pounds. While the present condition may have been brought about by the erection of dams in the rivers, the pollution of waters by commercial manufacturers and the placing of too many fish nets at the mouth of the tributaries have prevented the shad from reaching the spawning grounds; and

WHEREAS, records show that the State of Maryland and the United States Bureau of Fisheries planted 3,061,488,720 young shad between 1876 and 1916 in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and during this period the production was very much greater than it is today; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the shad hatchery at the head of the Chesapeake Bay, operated by the Bureau of Fisheries, has been closed, and since that date the number of young shad liberated in the waters of the Bay have been decreased; therefore, be it