

Preamble. WHEREAS, Under the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, being section 1814 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the old Hall of the House of Representatives in the Capitol at Washington was set apart as a National Hall of Statuary, and each of the several States of the Union was invited to place therein two statues of deceased persons, who had been citizens of such State, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, Many of the States have long since complied with said invitation, but Maryland so far, has altogether neglected to do so; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland, at its session of 1896, passed joint resolutions reciting the foregoing facts and requesting the Governor to appoint a commission of five citizens of this State, who should serve without compensation, and whose duty it should be to consider the subject, and among other things to report to this General Assembly what deceased citizens of the State are, in the judgment of said commissioners, most worthy of this national commemoration; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, Said commissioners have submitted their report to this General Assembly wherein among other things they report and make recommendations as follows:

Charles Carroll. That Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence be commemorated by one of said statues;

John Eager Howard. That for the other said statute, if military services are to be preferred for recognition, Colonel John Eager Howard would be their choice, and if civil services are to be preferred, they would recommend Thomas Johnson, the first Governor of the State;

Appropriation made. That an appropriation of twelve thousand dollars for each such statue would not in their judgment be excessive, and would probably be found to closely approximate the actual cost of the work.

Appropriation. SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same hereby is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of having designed, constructed and placed in the said National Hall of Statuary at Washington, two statues of deceased citizens of Maryland, under the provisions of the said Act of Congress.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That one of said statues shall be of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the signer of the Declaration