

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland,* That in the death of General Thomas J. Shryock, President of the Board of Managers of the Cheltenham House of Reformation for Colored Boys, the State of Maryland has lost a most worthy and competent official; and be it

*Resolved, further,* That the Secretary of the State of Maryland is requested to send a copy of these Resolutions, properly certified, to the Board of Managers of the Home and to the family of the deceased.

Approved March 19th, 1918.

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NO. 7.

Requesting the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States from the State of Maryland to use all honorable means to secure the passage of appropriate federal legislation looking to the improvement of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and its right of way to the end that this important inland waterway may be more efficiently utilized for the transportation of war material and equipment, coal, and agricultural products, as may be needful to the national defense:

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, extending from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, passes through a rich and fertile agricultural section of the State of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, formerly said canal was extensively used by the residents of the Counties of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington and Allegany, in the State of Maryland, for the transportation of their products of agriculture, and

WHEREAS, because of inadequate equipment and uncertain schedules of transportation the canal in recent years has to all practical purposes become a carrier of coal from the City of Cumberland to the District of Columbia, and that in a decreasing volume from year to year, and

WHEREAS, because of the freight congestion on all railways due to transportation of war material and equipment, there is great need for an adequate carrier of coal from the fields of Maryland and Pennsylvania to those who live in the District of Columbia, and for the use of government buildings, and other government agencies, located at the capital of the nation, and