

No. 7.

Requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress to exert their utmost abilities and influence to effect the construction of a Federal Road connecting the Naval Academy with the National Capitol at Washington.

WHEREAS, Owing to the close proximity of the United States Naval Academy School situated at Annapolis in Maryland, to the National Capitol in Washington; and,

WHEREAS, Owing to the easy access afforded a public enemy in time of war to reach the National Capitol and also the naval school at Annapolis, leaving each practically without the support of the other; and,

WHEREAS, For the following reasons a Federal Road should be constructed connecting the cities;

FIRST. Because the Chesapeake Bay is practically without fortifications and in time of war a public enemy would first of all seek the destruction of these two points and over a hard surfaced road with the improved method of travel, assistance in time of strife could be easily and quickly gotten for the protection of either point.

SECOND. Because such a road would open a most beautiful part of the State, some of which is now practically abandoned owing to its isolation from shipping points, and would not only be a great benefit to the National Government, but would be the means of reclaiming thousands of acres of abandoned land, and would add materially to the financial welfare of the people of Maryland, as well as to their comfort and better protection in the time of strife; therefore,

Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Maryland are hereby requested to exert their utmost abilities and influence to secure the construction of a National Road conformably to the foregoing resolutions.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of the Senate of Maryland, is directed to send copies of this resolution, properly certified, to the two United States Senators from Maryland, and the Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates of Maryland, is ordered to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of the six members of Congress in the House of Representatives from Maryland.