

majority of American citizens at large, has gone on record as being in favor of making the "Star Spangled Banner" the National Anthem by an official Act of Congress; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress of the United States be requested to take appropriate action to make the "Star Spangled Banner" officially and legally the National Anthem of the United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State of Maryland be and he is hereby requested to transmit, under the Great Seal of this State, a copy of the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each of the Representatives from Maryland in both Houses of Congress.

Approved April 9, 1924.

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NO. 5.

Requesting Congress to pass Bill recently introduced in the House of Representatives (H. R. 5261) by the Honorable J. Charles Linthicum, member of Congress from this State, by the terms of which Fort McHenry will be placed in the care of the Secretary of War for preservation as a National Park.

WHEREAS, Fort McHenry is the most notable national heritage of the State of Maryland, in that it was the scene of the defense of the liberties of the United States at a time when defeat would have meant the destruction of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, In addition Fort McHenry is the hallowed spot which during the battle of September 14, 1814, inspired the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner," which, inseparably associated with the flag of our Country, has thrilled our citizens and soldiers with its patriotic fervor as no other American hymn has ever done, and inspired in them the will to conquer for the sake of right; and

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