

WHEREAS, The Senate of Maryland recognizes that the development of the trade and commerce from the ports of this State is vital to the continued welfare and prosperity of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this body that it should take all appropriate action in furtherance of the increase of shipping and trade to the ports of the State, and it is advised that it is the present intention of the United States Shipping Board to consolidate its lines operating from the North Atlantic Seaboard to the United Kingdom and Ireland in the hands of an operator operating from one of the ports of the North Atlantic Range; and

WHEREAS, This body is of the opinion that the Port of Baltimore, being one of the major ports of the Atlantic Seaboard, offers the essential equipment and terminal facilities for the expeditious handling of the trade and commerce from this coast to the United Kingdom and Ireland, not only through its present facilities, but through increased facilities and port terminals, to be constructed as the trade and traffic of the port may develop, as provided by an Act of the last General Assembly of Maryland, authorizing the City of Baltimore to expend \$52,500,000 for the development of such facilities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of Maryland, That it respectfully petition the United States Shipping Board to place the operation of its lines from the North Atlantic Range to the United Kingdom and Ireland in the hands of an operator operating out of the Port of Baltimore; and

Resolved further, That it is the belief of this body that in so doing the United States Shipping Board will be promoting the development of the nation's commerce along lines of healthy and efficient development; and

Resolved further, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman and Members of the United States Shipping Board and to the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 9, 1924.