

munity as a whole deprived of a beloved and distinguished citizen; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journals of the Senate and the House of Delegates and that a copy, suitably engrossed, be sent to the family of the late Judge Rose in testimony of the sympathy of the General Assembly of Maryland in their bereavement.

Approved April 5, 1927.

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NO. 20.

A Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland authorizing negotiations to establish the common right of crab fisheries for residents of Maryland and Virginia in certain waters of Smith's Island.

WHEREAS, Smith's Island, which lies between Tangier Sound and the Chesapeake Bay, is intersected by the Maryland-Virginia boundary line, which boundary line was established by a board of arbiters after the two States had failed to reach an agreement as to its location, which board, after due consideration, so established said line that the lower or southerly part of said Island was made a part of the State of Virginia. The greater part of the population of this Island, numbering some 1500 residents, live within the boundaries of the State of Maryland, and,

WHEREAS, At the time of making this award (1877) the soft crab and its forerunner, the peeler, were not considered as a commercial possibility, but shortly thereafter the shipping of soft crabs became practicable, and from that day the creeks that indent lower Smith's Island became a necessary working ground for the livelihood of the residents of Smith's Island, and,

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognized the boundary line as established by the award, nevertheless, the residents of Smith's Island were permitted to enjoy the free use of Tyler's and Shank's Creeks, which indent the lower part of said Island, and are intersected by said boundary line in such a way that