

Banner," namely Fort McHenry, was dedicated as a National Shrine on September 12, 1928; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress of the United States be earnestly requested to take appropriate action whereby the "Star-Spangled Banner" may be declared to be the National Anthem of the United States of America; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the 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, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each of the Representatives from Maryland, in both Houses of Congress.

Approved March 8, 1929.

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NO. 4.

A Joint Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the Copyright Law.

WHEREAS, Under the present Copyright Act a person who has copyrighted a musical composition has not only the exclusive right to print, reprint, publish, copy and vend that composition, but the additional right to use that composition publicly for profit; and

WHEREAS, The Copyright Act provided that the copyright proprietor may recover a sum in certain cases of as much as one hundred dollars, from the offender for the infringement of this exclusive right to use the composition publicly for profit; and

WHEREAS, Protected by this Act certain copyright proprietors in addition to the purchase price, charge unreasonable and exorbitant prices for permission to use the composition publicly for profit; and

WHEREAS, The various copyright proprietors have formed an organization known as the American Society of Composers,