

WHEREAS, The sanguinary battle fought at Monocacy on July 9, 1864, between the Federal forces under General Lew Wallace and the Confederate forces under General Jubal A. Early, caused a delay of at least twenty-four hours in Early's march upon Washington, and thereby enabled General Grant to send several divisions of seasoned Federal veterans to the defence of the city just in time to man the fortifications, then poorly and inadequately manned, before the arrival of the Confederate hosts bent upon the capture of the city; and

WHEREAS, This delay of twenty-four hours, caused by the battle fought at Monocacy to impede the progress of the invading army toward the National Capital, saved the capital from capture and all the direful consequences thereof, and has for that reason been denominated "one of the decisive battles of the world," and

WHEREAS, The valor displayed by the officers and men on both sides in that important conflict, reflects honor and glory upon the citizen soldier of America, both North and South; and

WHEREAS, The battlefield is located on the national highway from Washington to the West, over which many thousands of American citizens travel to and fro every year, and moreover is a picturesque spot with the winding Monocacy flowing through it and adding to its beauty; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby memorialized and earnestly requested to create on the Monocacy Battlefield a National Military Park to commemorate the battle fought there on July 9, 1864, by which the Federal capital was saved and possibly the Union itself, and which would if established become a resting place and shrine where thousands of travelers and tourists could rest and renew their patriotism by a contemplation of the lofty deeds which have been wrought; of the great hearts which spent themselves there; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State of Maryland be and he is hereby requested and directed to transmit under the Great Seal of this State a copy of the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of