

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to take such steps as may be necessary to develop this supply of food to make it readily available on the market and to educate the public to the value of the muskrat as a source of meat; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State of Maryland be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution, under the Great Seal of Maryland, to the Honorable Claude R. Wickard, Food Administrator, Washington, D. C.

Approved March 23, 1943.

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NO. 5.

(Senate Joint Resolution 1)

A Joint Resolution requesting the Secretary of the Navy to name one of the new United States Aircraft Carriers, the "U. S. S. Antietam" in commemoration of the Battle of Antietam, September 17th, 1863.

WHEREAS, it now appears that Aircraft Carriers now being constructed are being named for famous American Battles; and

WHEREAS, The Antietam Battlefield near Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland, is steeped in American tradition and the men whose planes would take off from the flight decks of the "U. S. S. Antietam" would have the united spirit of both the North and the South to spur them on to Victory; and

WHEREAS, considering the number of men engaged in the great Battle of Antietam, more lives were lost than in any one day's battle of any war up until that time, and as this would be a fitting memorial to these honored dead; and

WHEREAS, the "U. S. S. Antietam" would be a peculiarly fitting name to give one of our fighting ships as it would commemorate a battle that did not spell defeat for either the North or the South, but rather a battle in which two great armies of Americans fought against each other for that which they considered right—a battle which at its conclusion found both armies still in position—neither side victor and neither side vanquished; a battle of which the Blue and Gray could both be justly proud; and