

WHEREAS, as a result of this great battle, President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid suggestion has been presented to the Secretary of the Navy on behalf of the Washington County Historical Society through Maryland's Senior United States Senator; therefore be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby requested to name one of the aircraft carriers, now under construction, the "U. S. S. Antietam"; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby directed to send, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of the Navy of the United States.*

Approved March 31, 1943.

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NO. 6.

(Senate Joint Resolution 4)

A Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission to draw up plans for the modernization of the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard and to allocate funds sufficient to undertake and complete said modernization.

WHEREAS, United States Route No. 1, commonly called the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard, is one of the oldest roads, having been created the first State Road in this State by Chapter 312 of the Acts of 1906 and one of the most heavily travelled roads in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, through the years this road has continued to assume ever greater importance as a vital link in the highways connecting the north and the south; and

WHEREAS, today, this road is an essential part of the highway system over which the armed forces of the country are being transported daily with the least effort and the greatest speed and as a result of this burden of travel and transportation so intimately connected with the war its continued existence, maintenance and improvement has become vital to our national defense; and