

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a division of the War Department, is preparing plans for the construction of a series of reservoirs throughout the Potomac River Basin, the building of which, if approved, will necessitate large appropriations of Federal funds by the Congress; and

WHEREAS, it is further understood that the project was planned as a flood control measure but will not, in fact, effectuate that purpose, whereas, flood control in the area affected may be more effectively accomplished by application of less expensive and approved soil conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the construction of these reservoirs will result in the loss as a source of revenue of many thousands of acres of valuable farm land in Montgomery, Washington, Frederick and Allegany Counties, as well as in neighboring States by the raising of the water levels in the Potomac River and in the tributaries of the Potomac; and

WHEREAS, any gain to be derived from the construction of these reservoirs bears no reasonable relationship to the loss and injury which their construction will entail; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby requested not to appropriate any funds for the construction of a system of reservoirs or dams throughout the Potomac River Basin; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each of the Representatives from Maryland in the United States Congress.*

Approved April 23, 1945.

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NO. 12.

(House Joint Resolution 14)

Resolution by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, requesting the Governor to appoint a committee of eleven persons to recommend a program of physical fitness.