

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS

NO. 1

(Senate Joint Resolution 3)

Joint Resolution for Commemorating the Founders of the Republics of the Western Hemisphere.

WHEREAS, the late years of the Eighteenth Century and the early years of the Nineteenth Century witnessed a notable series of struggles for political independence in the Western Hemisphere, led in South America by the patriot-statesmen Simon Bolivar, Jose de San Martin, and Antonio Jose de Sucre, among others, and in North America by General George Washington, beloved and respected as "the Father of his Country"; and

WHEREAS, the State House in Annapolis was the scene of the last great moment in the colonial era of the states comprising the United States of America, when General George Washington appeared before the Congress on December 23, 1783, to resign his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, it is proper in these troubled times, when the very existence of the democratic process seems sometimes endangered, to reaffirm to the world our continued and continuing faith in the ideals of democracy, and the staunch solidarity of the American Republics in the defense of these ideals; and

WHEREAS, it is eminently fitting to make such a reaffirmance of the ideals of democracy in the City of Annapolis, which was the capital of one of the thirteen original colonies and which celebrates in 1949 the tricentennial of its founding; now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this body cordially invites the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Organization of American States, together with the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General and the five members of the Secretariat of the Organization of American States to be guests of honor at a Joint Session of the General Assembly of Maryland on February*