

try having produced an income of approximately \$1,000,000. per year to the citizens of Dorchester County; and

WHEREAS, in the past few years there has been an alarming decrease of muskrats in Dorchester County which is a serious threat to the economy of Dorchester County and the entire State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that this decrease is not due to normal and natural causes, but appears to be due to either predatory animals or disease or other such causes, which, if known, can be controlled and checked; and

WHEREAS, no thorough and scientific study has been made of this problem, now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Game and Inland Fish Commission of the State Board of Natural Resources, be and it is hereby directed to make a thorough and scientific study of the causes of death and destruction of muskrats in Maryland and more particularly in Dorchester County, and in connection therewith the said Commission is further directed to utilize the services of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States of America and any other appropriate public or private agencies; and be it further

*Resolved,* That, if necessary, the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby requested to include any necessary sum of money in his Supplemental Budget for such study and survey; 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 Director of the Game and Inland Fish Commission.

Approved April 22, 1949.

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NO. 18

(House Joint Resolution 9)

Joint Resolution expressing thanks and appreciation to the people of France for the French Merci Train.

WHEREAS, the people of France recently sent to the United States a large number of gifts, some of which are rare and