

had great sentimental value to the individual donors, as an expression of the appreciation of the people of France for the aid and cooperation given by the people and Government of the United States in enabling the people and Government of France to overcome the great destruction and economic damage inflicted on their beautiful country by World War II; and

WHEREAS, these numerous gifts were distributed by French Merci Trains, one of which brought the gifts for the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maryland appreciate this expression of the friendship of the people and Government of France, as demonstrated by sending the French Merci Trains to this country; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maryland can never forget the great services rendered by the gallant soldier and leader, Lafayette, and by the people of France during our great conflict for the Independence of our country, and the gratitude we have and shall always have for our loyal friends, the people of France; now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the thanks and appreciation of the people of Maryland be and they are hereby extended to the people of France for their expression of friendship to the people of Maryland and of the United States as demonstrated by sending the French Merci Trains with their gifts to the people of our State and country; 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 Secretary of State of the United States for transmission through the French Embassy to the French Government so that its contents may be made known to the people of France.*

Approved April 22, 1949.

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NO. 19

(House Joint Resolution 12)

Joint Resolution requesting the United States to use other than poisonous means for the purpose of clearing growth from the right of way of the railroad to the Naval Powder Factory in Charles County.