

Department in 1945, and have completed the organization of such allotments, in so far as authorized by the Congress and for which funds have been provided; and

WHEREAS, Federalization of the National Guard, Air or Army, as recommended by the Secretary of Defense and the Committee on Civilian Components, would destroy at one blow the National Guard as it now exists and which has rendered exceptional and valiant service to the Nation in two World Wars; and in time of peace would impose fantastic costs beyond the ability of the Nation to meet, and would seriously jeopardize our national security and would result in the centralization of all military power in the Federal Government and ultimately in the hands of a few, and thus pave the way for the establishment of a dictatorship, military or otherwise, in this country; and

WHEREAS, the States would be left without an internal security force and would be compelled to organize and maintain State troops at great cost to the States, with the result that there would thus be maintained a Federal Reserve and State Military Force, creating a great duplication of effort and expense; while the National Guard, as it is now constituted and controlled, not only furnishes the necessary internal security for the States but, in addition, serves as a component of the Army of the United States and a first line of defense thereof, as provided by the National Defense Act; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard, both Army and Air, can, under the present National Defense Act, be efficiently and competently supervised as to its training and equipment in time of peace, and in preparation for its prompt use in time of emergency, without resort to federalization, if there is the proper disposition within the federal authorities to render such supervision; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress and the President of the United States are hereby memorialized to retain intact the National Guard, Army and Air, as it is now organized under the Militia Clauses of the Federal Constitution, and thus reserve to the States the controls provided by the Constitution in time of peace and insure that it will be at the disposal of the State in time of peace, and that there will be unity in the Armed Forces of the nation at a time when unity is so essential; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to send, under the Great Seal of the State of Mary-