

System that portion of U. S. Route 40, between Hancock and the Pennsylvania Line.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland and many thousands of citizens of the State of Maryland regret very deeply the action of Federal road officials in keeping out of the Inter-State Highway System that portion of U. S. Route 40, lying to the west of Hancock, Maryland.

For almost 150 years, what is now Route 40 has been the most direct means of access between the Nation's Capital and the great States of the mid-west and far-west. The very first support given by the Federal Government for a highway was in the year 1818, when Federal funds were provided for the construction and development of the famous old Cumberland Road.

It comes with particular irony that after nearly a century and one-half of development and reconstruction of the Cumberland Road and of the entire National highway, the most ambitious roads project in the history of the country entirely skips a portion of this famous old road. The omission is all the more glaring because Route 40, as far West as Hancock, Maryland, is made a part of the Inter-State Highway System. However, the heavily-traveled and highly scenic portion of the road westerly from Hancock, through portions of Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties, until it reaches the Pennsylvania State Line, is left out of the Inter-State Highway System. For reasons both of sentiment and of logic, the omission is a most unfortunate one. It is the desire of the General Assembly of Maryland that the State Roads Commission of Maryland do everything in its power to correct this unjust situation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Roads Commission of Maryland be requested to make strenuous representations to the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, in order that there may be added to the Federal Inter-State Highway System a portion of U. S. Route 40, from Hancock, Maryland to the Pennsylvania State Line, in Garrett County; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be instructed to send copies of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the State Roads Commission and to each member of the Maryland Delegation in the Congress of the United States.*

Approved March 11, 1959

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(House Joint Resolution 13)

House Joint Resolution To urge the Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission to erect a monument to honor the Reverend Abram Joseph Ryan in Hagerstown, Maryland.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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