

on the basis of the newly established pay rates provided in said law, at the same time providing that the retired pay of those retired after that date be computed at the newly established higher rates; and

WHEREAS, There appears to be no basis for this gross discrimination against such retired personnel who, by reason of past meritorious services, should be equally entitled to benefits granted to retired personnel retired after the effective date of the Military Pay Act of 1958, Public Law 85-422; and

WHEREAS, A failure to maintain the same standard for the computation of retired pay of all members of the uniformed services of the United States, regardless of the date of their retirement, will cause defections from active service of career officers and thus prove detrimental to the national defense and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Retired members of the uniformed services of the United States reside in every portion of our country, however, the State of Maryland is privileged to have great numbers of such retired personnel who have served their country faithfully and with distinction; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the General Assembly of Maryland respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation, similar to that proposed in S. 269, S. 541 and H. R. 703 of the 86th Congress, to provide that the retired pay of those retired before June 1, 1958, be computed on the same basis as the computation of the retired pay of such members retired after June 1, 1958; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice-President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each Senator and Representative from the State of Maryland in the Congress of the United States.*

Approved March 24, 1959.

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NO. 7

(Senate Joint Resolution 10)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a Commission to study the possibility for a governmental corporation for the preservation of antiquities.

There is need in the State of Maryland for an organized effort for the preservation of antiquities. In all portions of the State there are old homes, public buildings, monuments and other sites that should be under the fostering care of some public agency or group.

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

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.