

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, to Senators Beall, Butler and Representatives Brewster, Fallon, Foley, Friedel, Garmatz, Johnson and Lankford.

Approved April 8, 1959.

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No. 21

(House Joint Resolution 23)

House Joint Resolution expressing to the new State of Hawaii the welcome of the people of the State of Maryland.

The people of the State of Maryland, speaking through their General Assembly, send cordial greetings and a hearty welcome to their fellow citizens in the 50th State, Hawaii.

A republic was formed in Hawaii in 1894 and pursuant to the request of the people of Hawaii as expressed through the legislature of the new republic, and a resolution of the United States Congress approved July 7, 1898, the islands were formally annexed to the United States on August 12, 1898, as a territory.

The Territory of Hawaii has since its establishment, become an increasingly important center of commerce and industry.

Its people have taken a keen interest in local self-government and have persistently requested statehood. Its Legislature has petitioned Congress for Statehood no less than fourteen times since 1940.

Her people, both in the Armed Forces and in civilian life, have shown an understanding of American institutions and a devotion to those institutions. Hawaii has become an important naval and military base and more particularly a great social and economic factor in the life of our nation.

Maryland, as one of the thirteen original colonies, salutes the achievements and the prospects of Hawaii, our newest sister State; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General ~~Assembly~~ ASSEMBLY of Maryland*, That the warmest greetings of this State and of its citizens be extended to the State and citizens of Hawaii on the occasion of its becoming a State; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be directed to send a copy of this Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to the Honorable William Quinn, Governor of the State of Hawaii at Honolulu.

Approved April 8, 1959.

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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.