

No. 22

(House Joint Resolution 28)

House Joint Resolution to repeal Joint Resolution 23 of 1957 and requesting the appointment of a Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission to arrange plans for the Centennial of the Battle of Antietam and other famous battles of the Civil War.

WHEREAS, The Free State of Maryland was witness to and a vital part of some of the famous battles and campaigns of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, These battles, among them the Battle of Antietam, which occurred on September 17, 1862, will shortly reach their Centennial observance; and

WHEREAS, The State of Pennsylvania by Chapter 487 of the 1956 Legislature has appointed a Gettysburg Centennial Commission to make appropriate observance of this great event; and

WHEREAS, The Federal ~~Government~~ GOVERNMENT, through its National Park Service, is planning for observances of the other famous battles and campaigns of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the State of Maryland should join in the planning and celebration of these epoch-making events; and

WHEREAS, It is, therefore, desirable that a Commission be named to assist the other State and similar Commissions and the Park Service in commemorating these battles and in proving a fitting celebration in our own State of the battles fought and campaigns waged on our soil; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be requested to appoint a Commission of this State to be known as the Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission to plan and arrange for the proper commemoration of the Centennial of the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg) and other campaigns of the Civil War fought on Maryland soil; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission be requested to coordinate its planning with the Battles Commission of other States observing Centennials of the Civil War battles and with the National Park Service; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to provide such funds for the Commission as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

Resolved, To repeal JR 23 of 1957; and be it further

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.