

WHEREAS, if such acquisition of Maryland real estate by diplomatic missions of foreign nations having favorable treaty relations with the United States continues, it will ultimately place a heavy burden upon the adjoining real property owners within the state or political subdivision to make up the tax deficit; and

WHEREAS, while the State of Maryland and its political subdivisions will continue to cooperate with the Government of the United States, it is the sense of this Legislature that the State of Maryland and its political subdivisions should not be asked nor be expected to continue to assume additional burdens which have been created by the Government of the United States in the exercise of its delegated powers to conduct foreign affairs when the burden rightfully belongs to the entire body politic of Maryland's forty-nine sister states; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES BE MEMORIALIZED OF THE SENSE OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND THE NEED FOR ALLEVIATION OF THE LOSS OF REVENUE SUSTAINED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS DUE TO TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BY REASON OF OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED BY TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

Be it FURTHER resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States be requested to make provision by law for compensating payments to the State of Maryland and to any of its political subdivisions which grant tax exemptions to members and representatives of the diplomatic corps; and

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be directed to send copies of ~~the~~ THIS Joint Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the Vice-President of the United States as President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and each member of the Maryland Delegation in the Congress of the United States.

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No. 6

(House Joint Resolution 3)

Joint Resolution urging Congress to provide funds for completion of the survey of the Potomac River by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and for grants to the states for pollution controls, and requesting reappointment of the Legislative Council Committee on the Potomac River.

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.