

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By the President, by request:

Senate Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland expressing the sense of the people of the State in favor of adequate naval and military preparation.

WHEREAS, The preamble to the Constitution of the United States declares that the Constitution was ordained and established to provide for the common defense and promote the general welfare of the people of these United States, and to secure the blessings of liberty to them and to their property; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution specifically provides that the government of the United States shall protect each State in this Union against invasion, and declares the Constitution to be the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, One of the first duties of government is to protect the liberties and lives of its citizens wheresoever they may lawfully be; and

WHEREAS, The wealth and importance of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore, their vital strategic position and their proximity to the Capital of the Union render a hostile invasion, or an attempt at a hostile invasion, extremely probable in the event of war with a foreign power of the first class; and

WHEREAS, Under modern conditions of warfare it is plain that proper provisions for defense against any first class military power cannot be made upon short notice, unless there be available a strong, well-balanced and effective navy and an adequate army thoroughly prepared, both in men and in munitions; therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it is the sense of the people of Maryland, expressed through their representatives herein, that their representatives in the Congress of the United States advocate with their most earnest efforts that provisions be made at once for such increase in the naval and military forces available for the defense of the Union as will provide ample safeguards against a hostile invasion of our soil and enable the United States to perform its solemnly undertaken obligation to each of the States which it may otherwise be unable to perform, and will further enable the