That the Comptroller is further requested to submit a report as to the studies and review of this commission and its recommendations for such proposed legislation to the presiding officer of the Congress of the United States and of the General Assembly of Maryland not later than January 2, 1964; and it is further,

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Governor of Maryland to the Comptroller of Maryland, the presiding officers of the Congress of the United States and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission of the adoption of this joint resolution with the request that this study be made.

Approved May 6, 1963.

No. 40

(House Joint Resolution 82)

House Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission to include in its current Needs Study and also in its twenty year long range program the construction of a second bridge connecting U. S. Route 50 with Ocean City.

WHEREAS, the sudden storm that hit the Atlantic Coast on March 6-7, 1962, presented a serious problem in the evacuation of the residents of Ocean City and North Ocean City to places more safe and secure by reason of an extremely high tide of more than three feet of water at the foot of the Ocean City Bridge; and

Whereas, should such a storm hit the Coast during the resort season with many thousands of people in the area with only one bridge for evacuation, the lives and safety of many people could be seriously endangered; and

Whereas, when the present bridge was constructed the northern limit of development at Ocean City was at 15th Street, since which time North Ocean City has been developed with the construction of many valuable dwellings, restaurants, hotels, motels, and apartment houses up to 100th Street; and

Whereas, the construction of another bridge across Isle of Wight Bay or Assawoman Bay connecting with Route 50 would be for the safety and general welfare of the tourists, visitors and residents in the area in the event of a recurring sudden storm as well as necessary for the convenience of the public in general by reason of the immense increase in traffic; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Maryland State Roads Commission is hereby requested to include in its current Needs Study and its twenty year long range program consideration of the feasibility and possibility of the construction of a bridge across Isle of Wight Bay or Assawoman Bay connecting with U. S. Route 50; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Maryland State Roads Commission.

Approved May 6, 1963.