

*Resolved*, That the Commission be requested to submit to the General Assembly a proposal for recodifying and revising the laws of this State concerning testamentary matters and inheritance taxes; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested from funds at his disposal to allow an appropriate sum of money for the work of this Commission.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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No. 24

(House Joint Resolution 10)

House Joint Resolution commending the Police Commissioner and the Police Department of Baltimore City for outstanding services to the City of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, The business and community functions of a great metropolitan city depend heavily on the effectiveness of the Police Department for controlling lawless acts and in preserving peace and order for the inhabitants of the city; and

WHEREAS, In Baltimore City it has become fashionable in the past year to seek out and publicize shortcomings in the operations of the Police Department of Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, Whether or not the allegations which have been made are supportable, the cold fact remains that the very life of Baltimore City depends on its Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The work of the Police Department in recent years in the apprehension of criminals and their conviction has been greatly expanded by the decisions of appellate courts which have imposed even stricter limitations on the powers of the police to apprehend and convict the criminal; and

WHEREAS, It is an historical but unfortunate fact of our American Society that those persons most directly responsible for the safety of all citizens should be among the most inadequately compensated employees in our society, especially when the degree of danger involved in the working conditions of a policeman and the hours he is called upon to work are considered; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Baltimore ought to express their appreciation to the Police Commissioner and the Police Department for their consistently excellent performance of a difficult job, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That we hereby commend the Police Commissioner and Police Department of Baltimore City for the outstanding services they have rendered to the citizens of Baltimore City; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution is sent under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt for distribution in all police districts in Baltimore City.

Approved May 4, 1965.