

WHEREAS, The fishery resources of this area have been declining over several decades; and,

WHEREAS, The Middle Atlantic Bight has been shown to be one of the great fishery regions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, There has been a great increase in foreign fishing pressure in this area; and,

WHEREAS, There has been no sustained finfish research program throughout the region comparable to that of the North Atlantic and the South Atlantic Regions as well as the Gulf and the Pacific Regions; and,

WHEREAS, No state in the Bight is in a position to carry out a program; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland, be requested to increase financial support to allow further research by the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs on fishery problems; and, be it further

*Resolved,* That the Maryland representatives in the United States Senate and House of Representatives be requested to support a program of providing sufficient funds for the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries to conduct a minimum of two ground fish survey cruises a year in the Middle Atlantic Bight and to reproduce and distribute the resultant data; to allot sufficient funds to the Fish and Wildlife Service to continue and expand its studies on fish eggs and larvae in the Middle Atlantic Bight, with such efforts to be coordinated with similar efforts of the States and other relevant agencies; and, be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the United States Senators from Maryland, the Maryland members of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 58

(House Joint Resolution 90)

~~House Joint Resolution requesting the County Commissioners of Harford County and the Metropolitan Commission of Harford County to make a public disclosure of the status of the financial operations of the Metropolitan Commission.~~

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN COMMISSION OF HARFORD COUNTY TO MAKE AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ITS OPERATION AND TO MAKE THIS REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the sewerage and water system is a matter of great public concern; and