

WHEREAS, Davidge Hall, because of its unique architecture and interior design is well suited for eventual use as an historical building housing major achievements in medical science; and

WHEREAS, The Alumni Association of the University of Maryland School of Medicine have already pledged themselves to the establishment of Davidge Hall as an historical monument in Baltimore City by undertaking to raise the sum of \$400,000.00 which will be used in its restoration; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Historical Trust has the power to designate as an historic site those properties which best exemplify the history and greatness of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Historical Trust has the authority to assist others in the restoration, preservation and development of historic sites; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland recognizes the historical significance of Davidge Hall as having both State and national importance in medical history; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Maryland Historical Trust is requested to study the feasibility of designating Davidge Hall as a State historical site; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Charles W. Williams, Chairman of the Maryland Historical Trust, Old Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland, 21404, and to John O. Sharett, M.D., 803 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.

Approved April 15, 1970.

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No. 11

(House Joint Resolution 56)

House Joint Resolution requesting the County Commissioners of Allegany County to obtain a site for a museum of mobile units now owned by Mr. James Lancaster of Mt. Savage, Maryland.

Mr. James Lancaster, a retired machinist living in Mount Savage, Maryland, has an outstanding collection of scale models of mobile units that reflect the mechanization of farming and travel in the United States. Included in this collection are scale models of wheat threshers, automobiles, and railroad engines. He also has a miniature railroad city which includes a sand mill, a coal processing plant, an electric plant, a drilling outfit, and moving cars. These models are the work of Mr. Lancaster and indicate a craftsmanship that is rarely found today.

In order to preserve this collection and provide an opportunity for future generations to appreciate Mr. Lancaster's craftsmanship, as well as the mobile units themselves, a museum in Mount Savage should be created. Mr. Lancaster has indicated that he would donate his collection if a proper surrounding were found. If the development of a museum is not undertaken, Mr. Lancaster's collection might not be preserved. This would be an unnecessary loss to future generations; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Allegany County are requested to secure a museum for the collection of model mobile units created by Mr. James Lancaster; and be it further