The restorations of the eight portraits were done at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, by the Resident Restorer, Francis Sullivan, assisted by Stephen S. Story.

Every public official and every citizen in the State of Maryland owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the Commission on Artistic Property. They have approached their task with zeal and imagination and have made an outstanding contribution to the artistic embellishments in the State House in Annapolis and to the interest of the people of Maryland in their history and development; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this body, acting for the people of the entire State, sends a generous word of praise and commendation to the members and secretary of the Commission on Artistic Property; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State of Maryland is directed to send copies of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the members of the Commission on Artistic Property: J. Waters Parrish, Chairman, E. Roy Bergholz and Andrew Heubeck, Jr., and to the Secretary of the Commission, John W. Sause, Jr., Esquire.

Approved April 22, 1970.

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## (Senate Joint Resolution 22)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting that a special commission be appointed to study the feasibility of creating a State Bank of Maryland for the purpose of depositing and disbursing all State and local funds derived from all governmental sources in Maryland.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE APPOINT-MENT OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BROAD PROBLEM OF THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, One of the most serious problems facing our State and Nation is the unprecedented rate of inflation in which we are entrapped; and

WHEREAS, The present National Administration is attempting to solve this problem by certain means which may at the same time have serious consequences by causing a "planned recession"; and

WHEREAS, The major factors in the ever spiraling inflationary process and cost of living are represented by goods, services and living accommodations which must be borne by our citizens; and

Whereas, The increased cost of government and increase in taxes are further burdening the citizens of our State and this Nation; and

Whereas, The cost of capital borrowed or invested as represented by interest rates is a major factor in the spiraling cost of living; and