

over the passing of George A. "Gabby" Bowen, a long time reporter for The Associated Press; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to send a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Bowen, and to The Associated Press.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 16

(Senate Joint Resolution 56)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission to fix an alternate routing for an extension to Interstate Highway I-95 so that Fort McHenry will not be jeopardized.

The General Assembly is acutely aware of the need for extensive highway facilities for the citizens of Maryland. It is also aware that citizens have other needs. One is the need to preserve the American heritage and protect our culture.

Of prime importance to the American heritage is Fort McHenry. The Fort was critical to victory in the War of 1812, and is well-known as the Birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner. It is visited yearly by thousands of patriotic Americans.

Many descendants of the American soldiers who defended the Fort are Maryland citizens today. They and other Maryland citizens are proud to claim the Fort as a focal point of American history. All citizens, both of the State and the Nation, are keenly interested in preserving such an important part of our national history and culture.

It is the duty of the representatives of these citizens to strike a balance between the need to have available a satisfactory highway system, and the need to preserve a heritage which can never be replaced. In performing this duty, the General Assembly of Maryland issues a Call to the Colors to all veterans groups and all other patriotic Marylanders and Americans to aid and support the protection of our national heritage in Fort McHenry.

Inasmuch as the State Roads Commission is considering routing an extension of Interstate Highway I-95 through or near Fort McHenry, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State Roads Commission be strongly urged and requested to develop an alternate routing for Interstate Highway I-95 so that Fort McHenry is neither jeopardized nor compromised as a focal point of American history; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the State Roads Commission, American Legion, D. A. V., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Daughters of the American Revolution, Star Spangled Banner Committee and members of the Flag House Committee.

Approved May 6, 1971.