

gram for all employees of the State government. This study group would be composed of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the Secretary of Personnel, and the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning. This group would also consider the creation of a new position to be called "safety coordinator" whose qualifications would be determined by the study group. A safety coordinator would be assigned to each Secretary. Together these safety coordinators would serve as a safety board with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry as its chairman. The safety board would carry out the mandate contained in Section 46 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor is requested to appoint a study group consisting of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the Secretary of Personnel, and the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning to consider the feasibility of implementing an effective and comprehensive occupational safety program to protect all employees of the State government; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the Secretary of Personnel, and the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning.

Approved April 26, 1972.

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No. 11

(House Joint Resolution 28)

House Joint Resolution congratulating Patrolman Edward J. Malecki of the Baltimore City Police Department for his heroic and courageous rescue of a hostage from an armed hold-up man.

The General Assembly of Maryland congratulates Patrolman Edward J. Malecki of the Baltimore City Police Department for his heroic and courageous rescue of a young woman held hostage by an armed hold-up man.

Because of the courage and clear thinking of Patrolman Malecki, the life of an innocent hostage was saved. On January 11, 1972, an armed man held up a Glen Burnie store, abducted a young, black saleswoman, and fled to Baltimore in a commandeered Anne Arundel County police car. After holding the young woman hostage for three hours, the gunman stopped and informed the Baltimore City police that he would exchange the hostage for three policemen.

While the gunman was negotiating with the police, Patrolman Malecki worked his way around the car, and let the air out of the tires. Patrolman Malecki then got into the stolen police car, moved into the driver's seat, and while another policeman was distracting the gunman, Patrolman Malecki jumped from the car and knocked the gun from the bandit's hand. Because of Patrolman Malecki's heroism and courage, the gunman was taken into custody without injury to the hostage or to the other policemen.