

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council is requested to undertake a thorough and detailed study of property taxation in Maryland, including, but not limited to, procedures and practices in assessment, and alternatives to the property tax as a major revenue source of local governments, and submit findings and recommendations to the 1973 General Assembly; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable William S. James and Thomas Hunter Lowe, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Legislative Council.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

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No. 49

(House Joint Resolution 80)

House Joint Resolution recognizing the community of Lutherville in Baltimore County as an historical district and urging all State and County agencies to consider its preservation when authorizing, consenting to, or undertaking any construction projects in that area.

WHEREAS, the community of Lutherville in Baltimore County is a unique area filled with many unusual 19th Century structures and comprising an attractive and unparalleled reminder of earlier days in this State.

The community now is endangered by plans for new structures and arterial roadways, all of which will destroy the unique and historic atmosphere of this gracious old community.

The historic district of Lutherville and its present problems recently were described by Mr. Rodd L. Wheaton, as part of an architectural evaluation of the community:

“Lutherville is a surviving nineteenth century suburban residential village imminently in danger of falling victim to twentieth century Baltimore suburban sprawl. Unprotected, the area proposed for an historic district will be engulfed in shopping centers, strip commercial development and high rise and low rise apartment complexes, and will be bisected by the proposed Charles Street extension. Protected, the community will be in a position to encourage the preservation of its architecture, its environment and its village identity.

The community's history commences with the establishment of the Lutherville Female Seminary in 1853 and the development of the nearby land by its founder, Dr. John Gottlieb Morris. Among his concerns was the idea of providing a suitable residential setting for the seminary, an early institution of higher education for young ladies. Officially surveyed and platted into 118 lots in 1854, the village streets, which were named for prominent Baltimore clergymen, extended in a grid-iron pattern from the central “Church Lot,” which has remained the site for the Lutheran Church.