

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the seven-day period beginning on the second Monday in November 1973 and each year thereafter is hereby designated as "Youth Appreciation week"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the State of Maryland to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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No. 49

(House Joint Resolution 4)

House Joint Resolution requesting that the State Department of Education study the feasibility of implementing a consumer education course of study in the required curriculum of the public schools of the State.

WHEREAS, By all accounts our society is a consumer-oriented one in which we are constantly called upon to make reasonable choices between different goods. However, the complexities of the current situation are such that this is not always completely possible.

If nothing else, there seem to be many different brand names for virtually identical goods from which the buyer must choose. The buyer must also be able to differentiate between various auxiliary aspects of different goods, such as financing, ease of repair and the reliability of the manufacturer, among others.

The buyer who is unable to choose rationally that which best suits his needs runs the distinct risk of being dissatisfied with his purchase. None of us can afford to make repeated purchases until we happen upon the correct choice. In what way can we acquire consumer-oriented skills?

The best way to reach the maximum number of potential consumers is through the schools of the State. In the quiet order of a classroom the techniques needed to act as an informed consumer can be taught; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Department of Education study the feasibility of implementing a consumer education course of study in the public schools of the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Department of Education report to the General Assembly at its 1974 Session with the results of its study.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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