

WHEREAS, While we recognize that these acts of cruelty, barbarism, hatred and despair seem to be with us forever and have seeped into our daily lives, we also recognize that it would be refreshing to get a break from this bombardment of bad news; and

WHEREAS, While we firmly believe in freedom of the press, and while we have no intention to dictate to the news media, we feel that such a break from all the distressing news could be provided, in part, by the news media if they would take the effort to devote a column or a part of a daily newspaper or daily television or radio broadcast to news concerned with the good, happy news and deeds and inspirational activities of others to remind us that all is not bad with the world; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the members of the General Assembly urge the various newspapers, television and radio stations in Maryland to consider adopting a policy of instituting a daily column or portion of a news broadcast devoted to "good" news to provide a break for us from all of the "bad" news that has become a part of our lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the editor of every newspaper of general circulation in the State and to the owner and/or operator of every radio and television station in the State.

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No. 52

(House Joint Resolution 30)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Division of Correction and the Department of Natural Resources to investigate the feasibility of having inmates of correctional camps work on certain environmental projects for the Department of Natural Resources, and requesting that this plan be implemented if it is found to be feasible.

WHEREAS, The Department of Natural Resources of Maryland is responsible for the coordination and direction of comprehensive planning in the area of natural resources, and, as a part of this overall authority, is responsible for the maintenance of all State parks and recreational areas as well as all of the waterways of the State; and

WHEREAS, Many of these maintenance tasks, such as trout stocking, tree planting, streamside improvement and refuse removal in State parks are environmental in nature and necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the natural assets of the State; and

WHEREAS, The cost and time factors involved in such on-going projects can become prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services presently has five correctional camps located throughout the State, the inmates of which are generally within ten months of the expiration of their sentences; and