

A House Joint Resolution concerning
Ocean Dumping

FOR the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which will prohibit dumping of toxic industrial wastes and raw sewage.

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held in Dover, Delaware, on January 28, 1974, on an application of the E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company seeking permission to continue its operation of ocean dumping of millions of pounds of toxic industrial wastes only forty miles off Maryland's Atlantic Coast; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported in the news media that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has approved or may give serious consideration to approving this application; and

WHEREAS, These materials are reported to contain such a high percentage of toxic heavy metals that they threaten potential harm to the environment to the extent of endangering human health, marine life and the ecological system, as well as our economic potential and thereby creating serious damage to Maryland beaches; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United State has demonstrated its intent to phase out the practice of ocean dumping of industrial toxic wastes and untreated raw sewage; and

WHEREAS, Practical experience has provided indications that materials dumped in the ocean ten miles off the coast of New York and New Jersey have created a 20 square mile area of dead sea and that the sludge has oozed as close as one-half mile from Long Island's beaches; and

WHEREAS, One of the distinguished United States Senators from Maryland has filed a vigorous protest against the issuance of any further permits for the continuation of these dumping operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body petition the Congress of the United States to enact legislation prohibiting the continued dumping of the industrial toxic wastes and raw sewage; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to: Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.; Gerald Ford,