

approximately 65 percent of the freight service on the Peninsula without a substitute mode of transportation being made available; and

WHEREAS, The economic survival of the entire Eastern Shore is dependent upon rail freight service transferring heavy bulk items of agricultural nature in and out of the region; and

WHEREAS, The Delmarva Advisory Council is an agency of the states of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The Delmarva Advisory Council is the proper vehicle for the three states to use in a combined effort to retain this vital rail service; and

WHEREAS, This Council is presently sponsoring a railroad committee composed of representatives of the Tri-State area and this committee is actively engaged in active defense of our Eastern Shore rail lines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That all interested parties, including State agencies, are encouraged to cooperate with the Delmarva Advisory Council and the Delmarva Advisory Council Railroad Committee in their efforts to maintain this rail service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, and to the Maryland representatives on the Delmarva Advisory Council.

Approved April 30, 1974.

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(House Joint Resolution 97)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Maryland Waterfowl Study Commission

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to create the Maryland Waterfowl Study Commission.

WHEREAS, Maryland's waterfowl tradition has been an important feature of the distinctive life of this State since colonial times; and

WHEREAS, Changing populations and habits of waterfowl have a significant impact on the economic,