

estate or the beneficiaries of Officer Ramsburg the same benefits to which his estate or beneficiaries would have been entitled had he been a member in service of the State of Maryland Employees' Retirement System with one year of credible service at the time of his death, provided no such benefits are payable under the Baltimore City Police Department Death Relief Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Marvin Mandel, State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21404 and Comptroller Louis Goldstein, Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21404 and Treasurer J. Millard Tawes, State Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21404.

Approved May 31, 1974.

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(House Joint Resolution 90)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Green Thumb Program

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to participate in the Green Thumb program, a national public service employment program for elderly low income rural people.

WHEREAS, Many of our senior citizens live in rural areas of Maryland on incomes that are too low to keep body and soul together.

WHEREAS, Job prospects for these people are rare. Their bleak existence creates the feeling of uselessness and rejection. Under these conditions their health usually declines, bills pile up, and their situation worsens.

WHEREAS, However, through the successful efforts of the Green Thumbers, a public service employment program for elderly low income rural people, sponsored by the National Farmers Union, under a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, an opportunity for useful work, extra income and a new start is provided.

WHEREAS, In the ranks of the Green Thumbers, the elderly beautify highways, build parks, and carry out community betterment and conservation projects. They assist in strengthening existing community services and provide special outreach services to help the aged,