

standards and regulations to govern the nation's great seafood industry; and

WHEREAS, The United States Government, the State of Maryland, the general public and our seafood industry would benefit from a current, independent, factual scientific study to determine sound microbiological shellfish standards and defined ways and means of implementing rules and regulations that would help to reestablish the confidence of the general public in shellfish products; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That it petition the Congress of the United States to withhold the FDA proposal from publication in the Federal Register and prevent the FDA from promulgating or imposing rules or regulations governing the United States shellfish industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland General Assembly ask the Congress of the United States to commission an independent study group of reputable scientists, seafood industry representatives (harvester and processors), legal authorities, and members of the general public to collect scientific data and recommend appropriate action to protect the public health, and the seafood industry, and include necessary funds for the commissions activities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to: The President Pro tempore of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Chairman of the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs in either House of Congress; and to each of the members of the Congress elected from this State, to wit: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.; and J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; Members of the House of Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long; Paul S. Sarbanes; Marjorie S. Holt; Gladys N. Spellman; Goodloe E. Byron; Parren J. Mitchell and Gilbert Gude, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; James B. Coulter, Secretary of Natural Resources; Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association, Easton, Maryland; and The Maryland Watermen's Association, 13 School Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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