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RESOLVED, That subsidized housing projects for the elderly include utilities in the cost of rent, in order to protect elderly residents against unaffordable utility rate increases; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and 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.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 61)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Mentally Retarded - Residential Needs

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a commission to study the residential needs of the mentally retarded, both institutional needs and community-based needs.

WHEREAS, There has never been a complete and comprehensive Statewide study of the residential needs of the mentally retarded; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Retardation Administration wishes to spend approximately \$25,000,000 to renovate Rosewood Center; and

WHEREAS, The financial resources committed to the development of community-based residential programs has been minimal; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Retardation Administration has made little use of alternative living units such as apartments, group homes, and intermediate care facilities/nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, The type of residential services provided in State-operated institutions may in some cases be inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, The State-operated institutions for the retarded are serving a large number of individuals that do not require such a high level of care; and