

ships from Bermuda to Newport (the same area blockaded by the Royal Navy from 1775 to 1781); and

WHEREAS, Some 50 sail training ships from 20 nations will visit Baltimore between July 10 and July 17, 1976 with 3,000 teenage cadets as part of Operation Sail-76; and

WHEREAS, The greatest naval action of the Revolutionary War was fought in and off the Chesapeake Bay resulting in the victory of Admiral deGrasse over the British Fleets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Maryland be known as the Bicentennial Navy State for the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States from this date forth to the termination of the Bicentennial; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Lieutenant Battineye and General Hutchins of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; Honorable Louise Gore, Chairman -- Maryland Bicentennial Committee, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; Honorable Secretary of the Navy, J. William Middendorf, II, Washington, D.C.; the Constellation, Pier 1, Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; Maryland Sea Service, Pier 4, Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; and Rear Admiral Kinnard R. McKee, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 21402.

Approved April 13, 1976.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 53)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

"Family Day"

FOR the purpose of recognizing the vital importance of the family unit in society by designating the first Sunday in August "Family Day".

The importance of the family unit as the primary building block of society is well-known. A strong family structure is the first defense against juvenile delinquency and related youth problems, and supplies invaluable support and encouragement to all its members. Historically, the family unit served as the mainstay of society, especially in sparsely settled areas, where it functioned as a self-sustaining entity, providing for itself all things necessary for its survival.