Before the advent of movies, television and radio, the family, by necessity, also served as the source of entertainment, since the family, by necessity, had to create its own diversions and relaxation.

In areas without established schools, the family was also the source of any formal learning.

The mobility and fragmentation of today's society have done much to undermine the solidarity of the family, and many of today's social problems can be traced directly to this erosion. Therefore, we strongly believe that the citizens of Maryland should take time to reflect upon the importance of a strong family to a healthy and vigorous society, and that we acknowledge the invaluable contribution of the family to the strength of our nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the first Sunday in August be designated "Family Day", to acknowledge the paramount importance of the family unit in shaping a vigorous society[[; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation:

RESOLVED, That a copy 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.]].

Approved April 13, 1976.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 76)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

State Employees - Retirement Credit

FOR the purpose of requesting that the appropriate officials of the State of Maryland investigate the feasibility of permitting credit towards retirement for unused accumulated compensatory time for employees of the State of Maryland.

Many employees of the State of Maryland are not paid for overtime work but are given in lieu thereof compensatory time in the form of leave days. Many of these employees, because of the pressing nature of their