

## Our National Anthem

FOR the purpose of requesting leaders of the Sports' Associations and Media to precede all sports events with the playing of our National Anthem.

WHEREAS, It has been a proud tradition in these United States to play the National Anthem before all sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Before the Super Bowl XI football game America the Beautiful was substituted for the National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, Although America the Beautiful is an inspiring and patriotic song, nevertheless The Star Spangled Banner was adopted by the United States Congress as our National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, The Star Spangled Banner commemorates the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. In September of 1814, protected only by their earthen bulwarks, the brave patriotic defenders withstood intensive bombardment from the British who were in the Chesapeake Bay and out of range of the Fort's cannons. Finally after 20 hours of this bombardment, the courageous protectors held their ground and by dawn's early light our flag was still there. The British attack was repelled. Unlike our new Nation's Capitol, Baltimore had been saved from destruction; and

WHEREAS, There is no substitute for bravery; there is no substitute for patriotism; and most of all there is no substitute for our National Anthem; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the leaders of the Sports' Associations and Media are hereby requested to require the playing of our National Anthem before all sporting events; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Rescution be sent to the following: Mr. Peter Rozelle, Commissicner of the National Football League, 410 Park Ave., New York, New York 10022; Mr. Bowie Kuhn, Commissioner of Baseball, 18 W. 51st St., Rockefeller Center, New York, New York 10019; Mr. Douglas S. Tawney, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Baltimore, 2600 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217; the Civic Center Commission, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; Mr. Jerry Sachs, President, Capital Centre, 1 Harry S. Truman Drive, Landover, Maryland 20786; Mr. Herbert S. Schlosser, Chairman, NBC, 30