

appropriate interim committee for further study and analysis of the proposed system, consultation with local governments and appropriate State agencies, and a report to the General Assembly on the merits of the proposed system and whether any additional State enabling legislation is appropriate or necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties, ~~the Departments of Economic and Community Development, Health and Mental Hygiene, Natural Resources, Planning, and Transportation,~~ the Home Builders Association of Maryland, the School of Architecture of the University of Maryland, and the Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research of the Johns Hopkins University.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 50)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

The Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge

FOR the purpose of adopting the "Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge" by Sara L. Ensor as Maryland's official Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge.

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly of Maryland believe that our Bicentennial Year should not only be a time of celebration and gala festivities but also a time for all citizens to reflect upon the significant events of our past, to recommit ourselves to the values and ideals which have guided the United States to this great moment in its history, and to reexamine our plans and dreams for the future; and

WHEREAS, The following Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge has been written by a citizen of our Free State, Sara L. Ensor, of Frederick, Maryland and copyrighted in 1975; and

WHEREAS, This Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge embodies the philosophical and spiritual underpinnings of the American Republic and expresses beautifully the spirit of rededication and hope which will surely be the foundation of our third century of progress as a free and