

for State income tax purposes, which results in a hardship for many taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body directs the Comptroller and the Office on Aging to study the question of providing tax assistance for these taxpayers in the nature of a State itemized deduction or direct tax credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury, State Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and to Dr. Matthew Tayback, Director, The Office on Aging, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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No. 31

(House Joint Resolution 46)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

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