

adoption of procedures and use of equipment that will have long-range benefits for protection of the Chesapeake Bay and other waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, On November 14, 1976, Mr. Wonders drowned after falling from a small boat into the Severn River; and

WHEREAS, The tragedy was not related to Jim's employment and he had less than one year of State service, it leaves his widow, Mrs. Denise M. Wonders, who is expecting a child in the spring, without any of the benefits which normally accrue to survivors of State employees; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the laws governing the payment of death benefits, the General Assembly feels an obligation to suggest some measure of relief to Denise Wonders; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Natural Resources has stated its willingness to provide this relief upon direction of the Board of Public Works; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathies to the family of the late James Earl Wonders, II; and be it further

RESOLVED, That by copy of this Joint Resolution, the Board of Public Works favorably consider assistance to Mrs. James Wonders by authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to make a cash payment to her in lieu of the death benefit payment based on the length of State service of her late husband; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Honorable Marvin Mandel, the Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, the Honorable William S. James, Secretary of Natural Resources James B. Coulter, and Mrs. James Earl Wonders of Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Approved May 17, 1977.