

RESOLVED, That the consultant's report address the problems of providing safe, adequate, and expeditious travel in the Baltimore-Annapolis transit corridor, and in particular Ritchie Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon completion of the study, the Department of Transportation hold public hearings so that residents of the communities of Brooklyn, Glen Burnie, Pasadena, Severna Park, and Arnold, which are affected by Ritchie Highway, may participate and comment on any study proposals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is requested to take appropriate steps at the earliest possible time to improve travel and use of Ritchie Highway, and to provide safe, adequate, and expeditious travel from Baltimore to Annapolis, with minimal disruption and disturbance to neighboring homes and residential communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Acting Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, the County Executive for Anne Arundel County, and the Anne Arundel County Council.

Approved May 2, 1978.

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No. 14

(House Joint Resolution 2)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Crimes Against Senior Citizens

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Judicial Conference to analyze the problem of crimes against the elderly and recommend that judges consider the age of elderly victims of crimes when sentencing offenders.

WHEREAS, Senior citizens, because of their age and inability to defend themselves, are often susceptible to victimization by rowdy or criminal elements; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing number of crimes committed against both the person and the property of senior citizens in this State; and

WHEREAS, The judges in the State who try persons accused of crimes and impose sentences upon conviction are aware of the age and other circumstances of the victims and have a responsibility to consider the susceptibility of the elderly victim and the effect of the crime on the victim, as