

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Legislature hereby reaffirms its belief in the free enterprise system and its ability to provide the goods and services necessary for the maintenance of the well-being of the people of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland General Assembly finds and declares that it is the proper function of government in this State, at all levels, to foster and aid the private sector of our economy and to prevent governmental competition in areas where the private sector has the capability to provide the goods and services required by such bodies and agencies.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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No. 23

(Senate Joint Resolution 34)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

American Farmer

FOR the purpose of expressing the support of the General Assembly of Maryland for the American farmer and calling on the President of the United States, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture and Congress to take steps to strengthen our most basic industry.

WHEREAS, Agriculture is America's most basic and largest industry; and

WHEREAS, The basis of our unparalleled agricultural production and efficiency is the family farm; and

WHEREAS, In recent years many of these family farms have suffered heavy financial difficulty due to inheritance taxes, adverse weather and depressed prices; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State laws and regulations have resulted in increased cost of production; and

WHEREAS, Unless the President and Congress take positive action to revitalize agriculture as a profitable way of life, the entire national economy will suffer; and

WHEREAS, Imports are allowed into this country below our cost of production; and

WHEREAS, Exports are being blocked by political indecisions; and