

areas of housing, consumer matters, unemployment and education; and

WHEREAS, Organized labor has been an integral part of the economic growth and stability which the State of Maryland and its citizens have enjoyed throughout most of this century; and

WHEREAS, Labor organizations are part of the structure and fabric of our society and provide the necessary balance between interests of management and the needs of the working person; and

WHEREAS, Before the advent of organized labor, workers were faced with sometimes intolerable conditions, and, at best, conditions over which they had no control; and

WHEREAS, Advances made by organized labor have resulted in benefits such as cost of living increases, paid vacations, extended vacations, and sick leave; and

WHEREAS, The history of organized labor is the history of the betterment of the American working force; ~~now,~~ therefore, be it and

WHEREAS, These are no longer subjects reserved to labor, business, and the academic world, but which now command the attention of every citizen; and

WHEREAS, Many vital issues will be determined with or without an understanding of the underlying economic principles and labor's contribution; and

WHEREAS, If proper decisions are to be made, our children, the future electorate, must have an understanding of our increasingly complex economic system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Boards of Education in the State of Maryland include courses in their curricula to teach the American economic system and the history of organized labor and its contribution to the people of the State of Maryland and the nation as a whole; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the State Board of Education, P. O. Box 8717, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, 21240, for distribution to the County Boards of Education and to the Acting Governor.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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