

Since nontidal wetlands also have great value to the environment and natural resources of the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body direct the Water Resources Administration of the Department of Natural Resources to give due consideration to protection of the Patuxent River basin watershed nontidal wetlands in administering their other programs, to report back to the General Assembly during the 1980 legislative session with an initial inventory of these nontidal wetlands, and to recommend a plan, including applicable legislation, for protecting these nontidal wetlands as a part of the report due in 1980 to the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable James B. Coulter, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed April 10, 1979.

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{Senate Joint Resolution No. 28}

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Fort Howard Veterans' Administration Hospital

FOR the purpose of requesting the President and the Congress of the United States not to close the Fort Howard Veterans' Administration Hospital in the North Point area of eastern Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, The federal government is considering closing the Fort Howard Veterans' Administration Hospital in the North Point area of eastern Baltimore County, Maryland, in conjunction with the completion of a new Baltimore Metropolitan Veterans' Administration Hospital; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Howard Veterans' Administration Hospital is a rehabilitation and general medical hospital with approximately 230 beds and a 47-bed Nursing Home Care Unit; and

WHEREAS, The hospital has very active rehabilitation services, and there is strong emphasis on the hospital's function as a rehabilitation center. The fully equipped clinics use individually prescribed techniques for each patient. Physical therapy, corrective therapy, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, manual arts therapy, and