

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the President and members of Congress are requested to deter any action contemplated which would result in the closing of Fort Howard Veterans' Administration Hospital in the North Point area of eastern Baltimore County, Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; and to the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation, as follows: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Signed April 10, 1979.

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No. 7

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 42)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Adoption Laws Study

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to create a commission to study and recommend revisions of the adoption laws.

WHEREAS, There have been several bills introduced into recent sessions of the General Assembly to require the opening of adoption records to the inspection of adopted children; and

WHEREAS, This is a subject which generates considerable emotion both for and against opening records; and

WHEREAS, An objective and dispassionate evaluation of all adoption laws and procedures including those involving the sealing of records is necessary in order to insure the privacy and rights of all persons involved in an adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a commission to study the adoption laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Commission be composed of three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, three members of the House of Delegates appointed by