

WHEREAS, While unemployment lines grow longer and unemployment checks grow smaller, exacerbated by inflation and especially soaring interest rates which have exacerbated an already frightening situation for millions of Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly express its deep concern over the recent Reagan Administration restrictive policies concerning eligibility for extended unemployment benefits, recognizing that the elimination of a "safety net" is not only a burden for the jobless but also a burden for the whole country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Capital, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr., Senate Majority Leader, The Capital, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Raymond Donovan, Secretary of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; and the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Signed June 1, 1982.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 9)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Education - Public Assistance Recipients

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor and certain agencies and institutions to support programs through which individuals who seek to end their economic dependency may be given an opportunity to become productive and self-supporting; and providing that the Department of Human Resources report certain findings to the General Assembly.

Persons whose subsistence income consists primarily of public assistance moneys are generally unable to attain their economic independence unless afforded educational training and career development opportunities; and

It has been clearly demonstrated that educational attainment decreases unemployment and increases employment stability and earnings; and