

WHEREAS, Certain evil elements of our society seek to erode the social fabric of the nation by criminal and antisocial behavior; and

WHEREAS, These elements operate not only against their innocent victims, but also against law enforcement officers whose sworn duty it is to protect our lives, liberty, and property from these elements; and

WHEREAS, Many law enforcement agencies in this Nation, as well as the law enforcement officers of this State, have sought to protect their officers by providing these officers with bulletproof vests, capable of deflecting bullets with little or no damage to the officers; and

WHEREAS, These bulletproof vests have been incredibly effective in saving the lives of hundreds of law enforcement officers in the last several years; and

WHEREAS, Certain bullets have been made available for sale throughout this nation that can defeat the protection offered law enforcement officers wearing bulletproof vests; and

WHEREAS, These bullets have been readily available to the criminal elements of our society; and

WHEREAS, Even those persons who maintain their right to bear firearms recognize that these bullets are manufactured for no other purpose than to penetrate bulletproof vests; and

WHEREAS, Even if this State bans the use, sale, or possession of these bullets, the bullets still may be purchased in neighboring states, demonstrating that a national approach to this problem is indicated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Congress is urged to introduce and pass legislation defining these bullets whose sole purpose is to defeat our law enforcement officers, and banning their manufacture, use, sale, possession, and importation, in the interest of salvaging the social fabric of our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, Michael D. Barnes, and Mario Biaggi, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.