

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable James Clark, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., Secretary of Agriculture, Parole Plaza Office Building, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

Signed June 1, 1982.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 94)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Residential Conservation Service Plan

FOR the purpose of requesting the Public Service Commission and the Maryland Energy Office to conduct a review of how public utilities implement the Residential Conservation Service Plan, to require evaluate the feasibility of requiring certain implementation of the Residential Conservation Service Plan, and to examine its cost effectiveness.

WHEREAS, The National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978 established energy conservation as a national priority and mandated all states to develop and implement a Residential Conservation Service Plan; and

WHEREAS, The residential sector uses 23 percent of all energy consumed in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The National Energy Act of 1978 estimates that full implementation of the RCS Program could save America the equivalent of 200,000 barrels of foreign oil each day; and

WHEREAS, As recognized in the Maryland Energy Financing Act of 1981:

(1) It is necessary and appropriate that Maryland promote and assist the Nation's effort to improve our balance of payments, to reduce the threat of economic disruption from petroleum supply interruptions, and to increase the Nation's security by reducing its dependence upon imported petroleum;

(2) Energy conservation and the increased use of energy produced from Maryland resources can reduce the flow of capital out of Maryland for energy imports, and can