

JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED
by the
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
and the
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

No. 1*

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 30)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

~~Export-Trade-Task-Force~~

~~FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint an Export Trade Task Force to evaluate the appropriate role of the State of Maryland under the federal Export Trading Company Act of 1982.~~

~~WHEREAS, Federal law now authorizes state governments and private entities certain exemptions from the application of the antitrust and the banking laws under the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and the Bank Export Services Act, Public Law 97-290, 96 Stat. 1233 (1982); and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State of Maryland, through its facilities in the Port of Baltimore and Baltimore-Washington International Airport, is a major export center of American foreign commerce; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Our State needs well-developed export trade mechanisms which can promote the export of Maryland goods and services and related banking activities; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State Department of Economic and Community Development runs a computer-based export marketing program which focuses on the identification of new export markets for the products of small businesses; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is only exporting 4 percent of its gross State product as opposed to the 8 percent average for states nationally; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney General of the United States are currently promulgating regulations to carry out the purposes of the federal Acts; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The General Assembly's Jobs Initiative Task Force has recommended that the State Department of Economic and Community Development more aggressively promote export trading; now, therefore, be it~~

* Also signed by the Governor