

(vi) 1 member from the Office of Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a report of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 1984; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Melvin Steinberg, the President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin Cardin, the Speaker of the House of Delegates; Charles Buck, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and Ruth Massinga, Secretary of Human Resources, 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 36)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Federal General Revenue Sharing

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to again reauthorize the general revenue sharing program ~~at current funding levels or higher.~~

WHEREAS, The sharing of revenue with local governments has been recognized by both the Maryland General Assembly and the United States Congress as an effective means of strengthening federalism, and as a vital program which incorporates local flexibility and minimum regulation; and

WHEREAS, Since its enactment by the United States Congress, the general revenue sharing program has returned more than one billion dollars of federal tax revenue to local governments in Maryland, over \$82 million to Maryland counties, and over \$6.5 million for Maryland municipalities in fiscal year 1982; and

WHEREAS, Citizen participation in local government decision making has directed general revenue sharing funds to provide many basic services which otherwise could not have been performed; and

WHEREAS, Given reductions in many federal aid programs for local governments, the loss of general revenue sharing funds would result in local tax increases and severe reductions in the delivery of basic services; and