

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland, the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates, Lowell K. Bridwell, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury.

Signed May 15, 1984.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 23)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

U.S. Postage Stamp Commemorating the
Chesapeake Bay Skipjack Fleet

FOR the purpose of requesting the U.S. Postmaster General to issue a U.S. postage stamp ~~to commemorate the Nation's last fleet of sailing workboats the oyster dredging dredging skipjacks of our Chesapeake Bay~~ commemorating the Chesapeake Bay sailing skipjack fleet of wooden commercial fishing vessels.

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay sailing skipjack fleet has played an important role in our nation's history and the history of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The skipjack fleet is the final remaining fleet of wooden commercial fishing vessels to work under sail in North American waters; and

WHEREAS, The number of vessels in the fleet has decreased from more than 1,500 at the turn of the century to approximately ~~30 in 1984~~ 33 in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Some vessels in the fleet are more than 100-years old and may not survive much longer; and

WHEREAS, The skipjack fleet represents the last vestige of the period of "Iron Men and Wooden Ships"; and

WHEREAS, This period deserves the honor and recognition of a specially issued U.S. postage stamp by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The rapidly vanishing vessels from this period can be immortalized on a U.S. postage stamp; and