

WHEREAS, The Budget presented to the Congress of the United States by President Reagan would, if enacted, deprive Amtrak of the federal funding required for its continued existence; and

WHEREAS, The effective elimination of Amtrak would result in serious adverse economic consequences to this State and its citizens in terms of loss of investment, loss of income to equipment and supplies contractors with Amtrak, loss of rail passenger service, loss of jobs, and a concomitant strain on the Railroad Retirement System by the loss of many contributors to that system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Amtrak must be continued in operation to serve this State as Amtrak has served in the past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States should provide sufficient funding through appropriation of those amounts of money necessary to keep Amtrak in fiscal year 1986 in at least as sound a position operationally and financially as Amtrak has been in fiscal year 1985; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference 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, Helen Delich Bentley, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; and the Honorable Elizabeth H. Dole, Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

Signed May 21, 1985.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 74)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

The Mount Vernon Conference of 1785

FOR the purpose of commemorating the bicentennial of the Mount Vernon Conference and the resulting Compact of 1785.

WHEREAS, The year 1989 marks the bicentennial of the adoption of the United States Constitution, which established a government of, by, and for the people, under which the State of Maryland and the Nation at large has grown and prospered; and