WHEREAS, This increase in the number of elderly citizens in Maryland will result in a rapid growth in the need for medical care that meets the specific problems of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Less than 10% of the medical schools in the United States currently include organized instruction in geriatrics as part of their regular curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The body of knowledge on geriatric care has greatly increased in the last 10 years and can be expected to advance rapidly in the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, The education and training of physicians in the area of geriatrics is currently deficient to meet the future needs of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Grant programs have been established in Ohio and New York to develop and implement geriatric education and training programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to provide funding commencing in fiscal year 1988 to the University of Maryland, School of Medicine and The Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine to develop and implement a geriatric care curriculum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Schools of Medicine at the University of Maryland and The Johns Hopkins University share the education materials on geriatrics which they create with other health and professional schools in this State, and with public and private institutions and State agencies that are associated with geriatric care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Schools of Medicine at the University of Maryland and The Johns Hopkins University work in consultation with appropriate State agencies that are associated with geriatric care to develop and implement a geriatric care curriculum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland, and the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 13, 1986.