RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That both Houses of the Congress of the United States of America are hereby petitioned to revise their respective Rules, to provide that a recorded vote be taken upon final passage of all legislation, so that the voters may be informed of the actions of their representatives, in order to hold them accountable on election day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510.

Signed May 13, 1986.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 60)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

State Psychiatric Hospitals - Study of Future Utilization

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and the General Assembly to establish a Commission on the Future of State Psychiatric Hospitals to study and make recommendations concerning the role and utilization of State psychiatric facilities.

WHEREAS, The Mental Hygiene Administration in its Master Facilities Plan states a goal of providing treatment and rehabilitative services to persons with mental disorders in the least restrictive environment; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Hygiene Administration has prepared a 5-year deinstitutionalization plan, as ordered by the General Assembly, with the goal of providing community-based residential and support services for individuals who have a mental disorder; and

WHEREAS, The average daily populations at the Mental Hygiene Administration regional psychiatric hospital centers - Springfield, Spring Grove, Crownsville, and Eastern Shore - have declined 37% since Fiscal Year 1980, but the cost to the State of maintaining these facilities continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Chairman's Report of the 1985 Session of the Maryland General Assembly included a request that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conduct a study of the Mental Hygiene Administration regional psychiatric hospital centers to provide information for determining the most