

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Honorable Martin Walsh, Secretary of the Environment, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Signed May 27, 1988.

No. 9

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 38)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

U.S. Coast Guard Yard
Curtis Bay, Maryland

FOR the purpose of supporting the Maryland Congressional Delegation's efforts in preventing the closing of the U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland.

WHEREAS, The Coast Guard presence on the Chesapeake Bay is of great benefit to Maryland and the United States in terms of its shipbuilding and repair operations; and

WHEREAS, It has been announced that the Coast Guard will phase out its shipbuilding and repair operations at its Curtis Bay Ship Yard, a move that will eliminate 679 civilian and military jobs; and

WHEREAS, That budget cut will necessitate an overall reduction in spending by the U.S. Coast Guard of 55 percent; and

WHEREAS, That 55 percent reduction will greatly diminish the number of personnel and equipment available to perform lifesaving search and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, That reduction also means a significant decline in the number of patrols intended to interdict the flow of drugs into our State; and

WHEREAS, There does not exist any better alternative means of conducting search and rescue operations, or of conducting drug interdiction patrols; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay will be one of the facilities that will be closed in order to accommodate the budget short fall; and