

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Baltimore-Washington International Airport represents one of the primary centers of economic activity in the State of Maryland, and serves as the gateway to international markets; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State and private sector aviation experts have identified international commercial passenger traffic as the area which affords the greatest opportunity for growth in airport activity over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in office, Governor William Donald Schaefer has made international trade a hallmark of his Administration, and has worked tirelessly to promote the expansion and development of BWI Airport to ensure its status as a vital and effective engine for the State's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Convenient international air service is crucial to the State's overall economic well-being and the construction of the new international terminal will well-position Maryland businesses and citizens to compete effectively in the expanding global marketplace of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Governor William Donald Schaefer has consistently provided leadership in the development of policies to broaden and stimulate the economic and cultural horizons of the citizens and businesses of the State and has seen Maryland's opportunities for exports and foreign investments flourish; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's vision has resulted in the emergence of a new BWI Airport terminal serving the needs of Maryland's growing international economy, through the development of ties to our international neighbors from the four corners of the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Governor also has shown great foresight in insisting that the State's only major airport facility not be relegated to second-class status in the competition with major airports in the surrounding states for international business and pleasure travelers; and

WHEREAS, Central to the continued maturation of BWI Airport as a first-class facility is the completion of the new international terminal to replace the limited and obsolete facilities that international travelers and carriers currently must endure; and

WHEREAS, The plans for this new international terminal capture and assure Maryland's role in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the vision, leadership, and determination exhibited by the Governor, the new international pier at BWI Airport should honor the Governor by being named the "Governor William Donald Schaefer International Terminal"; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: