

WHEREAS, In addition to MPT, public television and public radio stations throughout Maryland inform, entertain, and teach the many thousands of Marylanders who use them every day. These include WFAA-FM, WJHU-FM, WESM-FM, WSCL-FM, WMPT, WCPB, WGPT, WFPT, and WMPB; and

WHEREAS, Total funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is only \$285 million per year, which is a drop in the bucket compared to either the federal budget or the annual deficit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, That the United States Congress is urged to continue its present levels of funding support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Kweisi Mfume, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 18, 1995.

Joint Resolution No. 6

(House Joint Resolution No. 8)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Ballast Water Management

FOR the purpose of requesting certain federal agencies to establish and implement certain programs and fund research to help prevent the introduction of certain species via ballast water into the Chesapeake Bay and certain other waters; urging Congress to support certain federal legislation relating to ballast water management; and requesting the Chesapeake Bay Commission to take certain actions.

WHEREAS, Invasions by aquatic nonindigenous species are having dramatic ecological and economic impact on marine, estuarine, and freshwater systems throughout the world and ballast water discharged from ships is the single largest source of these nonindigenous species; and

WHEREAS, The ports of Norfolk and Baltimore rank second and fifth in the nation, respectively, in the volume of ballast water discharged from incoming ships; and

WHEREAS, Increased global trade, faster ships, increasing incidence of pest species in foreign ports serving ships destined for the Chesapeake Bay, and other factors make future Chesapeake Bay invasions by nonindigenous species highly likely; and