

WHEREAS, The services provided to this country by veterans who have served on active duty in the military are deserving of special recognition among our school children; and

WHEREAS, Until the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, several generations of relative peace and prosperity in the nation dulled the recognition of the extraordinary sacrifices of those heroes who served in uniform; and

WHEREAS, The military response of the United States to that cowardly attack on innocent countrymen has, yet again, placed the service men and women of the armed services in harm's way defending our nation, its citizens, and our ideals; and

WHEREAS, Children in the United States have been blessed, due to the valor of American service men and women, never to have known firsthand the pain and suffering endured by those in military service who have protected the United States from its adversaries in the past; and

WHEREAS, The population of veterans, especially those who fought during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, is aging and students in Maryland schools may, therefore, not have had the opportunity to know or come in contact with those in our society who served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the local boards of education throughout Maryland are respectfully urged to develop and institute a curriculum on or before Veterans' Day or Memorial Day designed to instill a sense of patriotism and an awareness of the great sacrifices made by veterans of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, MERCHANT MARINE, and Maryland National Guard to preserve and promote liberty and democratic values worldwide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 16, 2002.

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**Joint Resolution No. 8**

**(House Joint Resolution No. 9)**

A House Joint Resolution concerning

**American Patriotism in Maryland Schools**

FOR the purpose of urging the boards of education in the State of Maryland to introduce instruction to encourage patriotism by including curriculum on or before Veterans' Day and Memorial Day regarding the sacrifices made by veterans in serving our country and protecting democratic values worldwide,