

WHEREAS, The Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center is Maryland's only model elementary school; and

WHEREAS, For 125 years, Lida Lee Tall has been devoted to elementary school research and to providing quality elementary education; both of which have benefited all of Maryland's school children; and

WHEREAS, Important research that is currently being conducted at Lida Lee Tall is vital to improving the education available to Maryland's children and may go undone without Lida Lee Tall; and

WHEREAS, The parents of Lida Lee Tall students are devoted to participating in their children's education and are supportive of the research conducted at Lida Lee Tall; and

WHEREAS, The parents and teachers at Lida Lee Tall propose to explore and develop new and innovative curricula, including new emphasis upon:

- (1) creating the Center for Elementary Science and Mathematics Education;
- (2) fostering entrepreneurial skills; especially in minority children who may lack role models in their communities to encourage entry into mainstream economic activities; and
- (3) an awareness of the increasingly international world around us; and

WHEREAS, It is hoped that new curricula developed at Lida Lee Tall will be used throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, It is hoped that a new and larger Board of Trustees, whose members will include parents, educators, and members of the business and science communities, will enable Lida Lee Tall to broaden its approach in educating its students and children throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, The actual cost of educating a student at Lida Lee Tall is less than what is expended per pupil in the Baltimore City and Baltimore County public schools; and

WHEREAS, It actually costs the taxpayers of Maryland less money to educate a child at Lida Lee Tall than at many other public schools; and

WHEREAS, The parents at Lida Lee Tall have agreed to a temporary 50% tuition increase during FY 1992 to help defray costs of re-tooling and staff development for expanded programs at Lida Lee Tall; and

WHEREAS, The parents at Lida Lee Tall are committed to seeking out private sources of financing in order to reduce the State's commitment of funds; now, therefore,

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