

Washington, D. C., to Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, Said memorial highway or boulevard, if constructed will traverse some of the counties of the State of Maryland; and,

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is now the owner of a State road or highway in Frederick county, Maryland, running from a point near Frederick City to Emmitsburg, in Frederick county, a distance of twenty-one miles, more or less; and,

WHEREAS, Said State road is on a natural route, through a historic section of Maryland, teeming with events connected with the War of '61-'65 and is the natural route of all travel to the historic battle field of Gettysburg; and,

WHEREAS, Said State road will constitute a good portion of the distance between Washington and Gettysburg and would, if donated or ceded to the United States Government serve the purpose of providing a large amount of the highway without cost to said United States Government and at the same time relieve the State of Maryland from the necessity of keeping in repair said State road and thus enable this money to be devoted to improvements in other portions of the State; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cede to the United States Government the State road running from Worman's Mill, in Frederick county, to Emmitsburg, in said Frederick county, a distance of twenty-one miles, more or less, said State road or highway, any State road or highway in any county, to be used by said United States Government, for the purpose of constructing thereon a boulevard or national highway as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, should said United States Government decide to build said boulevard over said route.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That power to condemn any highways, roads, toll-roads or rights of any way where no satisfactory road exists or where existing road is desired to be widened or straightened, or to condemn any property, right, or facility necessary for the purposes of such Memorial Highway in any county or counties of this State, either in construction