

WHEREAS, During periods of heavy rainfall, the rise of waters in the Anacostia River Basin and its tributaries cause uncontrollable flood conditions at the Bladensburg Peace Cross and its environs which has projected a problem the solution of which has received serious attention by Federal and local authorities for many years; and

WHEREAS, The rise of waters at the Peace Cross is a continuing periodic hazard at that point on United States Highways Nos. 1 and 50 which interrupts the flow of through North and South traffic of more than 25,000 automobiles in each direction daily; and

WHEREAS, The remedy to effect the relief necessary to alleviate this undesirable situation rests primarily with the Federal Government under the supervision of the United States Army Engineers; and

WHEREAS, To effect the permanent relief required, funds have been appropriated by Congress for perfecting and completing the plans under preparation in accordance with the direction of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, and are now available; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland offered cooperation in carrying out the plan of the United States Army Engineers by taking care of the necessary highway construction, should their plan be put into effect by the Governor's letter to the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, dated February 14, 1949, in reply to one from him, dated February 4, 1949, contained in House Document No. 202, which was a communication from the Secretary of the Army to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated May 19, 1949, 81st Congress, 1st Session; and

WHEREAS, Permanent relief can be afforded, under the plan of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, if Congress will make available the necessary funds required for putting the plan into effect; now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States be, and it is hereby, earnestly requested to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to enable the United States Army Engineers to carry out their plan for the permanent alleviation of storm water floods at the Peace Cross and its environs in Prince George's County, Maryland, by ridding the Anacostia River*