

with that town. He was a citizen of the United States who, more than any other in his day, championed and established before the world the idioms of our native speech, or, to use his own phrase, of "The American Language."

He was involved in many controversies from which the surviving memories are his incorruptibility and courage, which were in the great tradition, and his humor, which was homeric.

It is possible that when, in future years, the literary history of our century is written, the first decades will be known by his name, as "The Age of Mencken".

The Members of the General Assembly of Maryland wish to record a testimonial of their respect for the late Mr. Mencken; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sorrow and respect of this body be expressed over the passing of Henry Louis Mencken; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of the late Mr. Mencken.*

Approved March 26, 1956.

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No. 10

(Senate Joint Resolution 25)

Senate Joint Resolution designating March, 1956, as Maryland Forestry Month.

WHEREAS, Since the earliest of colonial times in the western hemisphere our timber and forest resources and the many and diverse by-products thereof have contributed measurelessly to the advancement and spread of civilization; and

WHEREAS, Through wise conservation methods and scientific practice our forest reserves have been protected and replenished to the extent that today the industry ranks among the greatest, most successful and most skillfully managed in our economy; and

WHEREAS, Our forest and timber lands have supplied our people in good times and bad, with needed recreational facilities and with the luxuries and necessities of peace and the materials of war; and

WHEREAS, Our lumbering industry has at all times proved to be an indispensable part of our business structure; and

**EXPLANATION:** *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.