

No. 17

(House Joint Resolution 40)

House Joint Resolution declaring the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill to be an honorary citizen of the State of Maryland.

The State of Maryland honors itself and its people in declaring the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill to be an honorary citizen of this State.

Winston Churchill is one of the few truly great figures to emerge on the stage of history from the maelstrom of World War II. Writer, soldier, legislator, and administrator, he has made an indelible mark upon his generation and the world.

His military service, as a young man, was in India and Africa. In the year 1900, at the age of twenty-six, Churchill became a member of the English Parliament; and with only brief interruptions his service there continued over a period of fifty-five years.

While in Parliament he took frequent and honorable posts in the Cabinet, culminating in the war years from 1940 to 1945 when he held the triple portfolios of Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury, and Minister of National Defence.

Churchill's writings include a four-volume biography of Marlborough, a four-volume History of the English Speaking Peoples, and a four-volume set of Memoirs of World War II.

Mankind will not soon forget Winston Churchill's role in rallying and encouraging the Free World during World War II. During the dark days of England's travail, and in particular, during the Battle of Britain, his was the voice which steadied and brought confidence to his troubled people. Who will forget the stark reality and grim determination in his "blood, sweat and tears"? Who will forget the hope and moral fibre he brought to a confused humanity as he exhorted the English nation to "it's finest hour"?

England and the English people have contributed mightily to the institutions of popular government. It may be the judgment of history that in all the long centuries of that development, no one more than Winston Churchill has more truly approached the stature and dignity of greatness.

The General Assembly of Maryland is proud thus to honor this foremost citizen of our times; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill is declared to be an honorary citizen of the State of Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland is directed to send copies of this resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the President of the United States, the President pro tem of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and each member of the Maryland Delegation in the Congress of the United States.

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