

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of this State be requested by proclamation to set aside and designate the month of February in each year as "American History Month"; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Governor be requested to notify schools, colleges and libraries throughout the State, as well as public officials of the State and of its political subdivisions, of this designation, with request of them that they give it suitable publicity and observance.

Approved April 17, 1963.

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No. 20

(Senate Joint Resolution 38)

Senate Joint Resolution congratulating and commending J. Thomas Kibler upon completing fifty years of service to Washington College.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland are deeply appreciative of the fine record of J. Thomas Kibler in completing fifty years of service to Washington College. He has served as athletic director, Dean of Men, and Assistant to the President.

J. Thomas "Coach" Kibler is a native of the Eastern Shore, having been born in Queen Anne's County. For fifty years during his adult life he has been an inseparable part of the administration and operation of Washington College in Chestertown.

"Coach" Kibler has distinguished himself in other fields as well. He served with distinction in World War I and again in World War II. In the first war he was twice wounded and gassed and received the Croix de Guerre from the French government for heroic service.

During World War II, Mr. Kibler was executive officer at Camp Pickett. During that war he lost a son who was in the Air Force.

Mr. Kibler has been also a business man, banker, former President of the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County, and a vestryman in Emmanuel P.E. Church. He was one of the prime movers in the formation of the Mason-Dixon College Athletic Conference and served as its first president. He is a member also of the Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

"Coach" Kibler is universally admired and respected. He has the affection of many thousands of friends, and the General Assembly of Maryland wishes to add its congratulations to those he will receive at a dinner to be held in his honor on Saturday, May 4, 1963; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the congratulations, respect and affection of every member of the General Assembly be expressed to J. Thomas "Coach" Kibler as he completes fifty years of service to Washington College; and to his community and the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Approved April 30, 1963.