

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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Senate Joint Resolution congratulating and commending the Chorus of the Chesapeake from Dundalk, Maryland, for the achievement of winning the 1971 International Barbershopping Chorus Championship.

The members of the General Assembly of Maryland, speaking on behalf of the entire State, are pleased and delighted to learn of the achievement of the Chorus of the Chesapeake from Dundalk, Maryland. This group won the 1971 International Barbershopping Chorus Championship. The contest was held on Saturday, June 26, 1971, in New Orleans.

To be selected to represent the Mid-Atlantic District of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing In America, Inc. (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.), the Chorus of the Chesapeake had to compete in a Southern Divisional Contest (24 choruses competing) and then in a District Contest where 20 choruses competed. Having won both of these contests, the Chorus then gained the right to represent the Mid-Atlantic District in New Orleans. A total of over 600 choruses competed in a singing elimination contest setup until the Chorus of the Chesapeake was declared the winner.

The Dundalk Chapter S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. is comprised of 191 members, and 135 of those were on stage in New Orleans. Two songs were sung: "Walking With My Sweetness Down Among The Sugar Cane" and "That's What I Call A Pal." The Dundalk Chapter is the largest chapter in the world and the total international membership totals over 33,000 members. The director of the Chorus is Mr. Fred King, and Paul Murrell is its president.

The unique achievement of the Chorus of the Chesapeake stirs the imagination, respect and pride of every citizen in the State of Maryland. The members of this group have contributed freely of their time and abilities in following this hobby, and the success of their efforts is abundant testimony of the effort and ability they brought to the task.

The Chorus of the Chesapeake has this succinct and meaningful philosophy: "We exist for one reason: We love barbershop harmony and strive to preserve its place in America's musical history. Our International society supports the institute for Logopedics, a place (school) for pupils with hearing, speech and other communication defects. Our motto, in fact, is: 'We Sing That They May Speak.' At the institute, clinical work, training and research are carried out. We offer our moral and financial support through membership donations and benefit singing shows."

The General Assembly of Maryland salutes the Chorus of the Chesapeake and sends sincere congratulations and best wishes to every member of the group. They have brought honor and fame to the State of Maryland and a rewarding sense of satisfaction to themselves and their families; now, therefore, be it