

(House Joint Resolution No. 24)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

State Honorary Commercial Attache Program

FOR the purpose of requesting the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a State Honorary Commercial Attache Program; and requesting the Governor to appoint volunteer commercial attaches of the State for the purpose of promoting the State's international trade.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is fully committed to a strong international trade program and recognizes the important role of exports to the State's economy and to the welfare of the citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the State's exports will greatly aid the health and welfare of the citizens of the State by increasing the sale of State-based goods and producing new jobs; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes the benefit of involving colleges and universities in the State's international trade program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Economic and Community Development is requested to establish a State Honorary Commercial Attache Program consisting of volunteers serving as honorary commercial attaches of the State, for the purpose of promoting the State's international trade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor is requested to appoint the honorary commercial attaches of the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Economic and Community Development is requested to supply each attache with reference materials concerning Maryland's industrial and agricultural companies, as well as Maryland's economic conditions and tourism opportunities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That attaches are requested to inform the Department of Economic and Community Development about specific business opportunities for Maryland products or services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Economic and Community Development is requested to notify the United States Ambassador in the host nation, and the President, Prime Minister, or most appropriate official, of the commercial attache's appointment by a letter which also explains the objectives and characteristics of the commercial attache program; and be it further