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**JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED**  
**by the**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**  
**and the**  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

No. 1

(House Joint Resolution No. 1)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

**Groundwater Protection – Pesticides and Other Chemicals Used in Agricultural Operations**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Department of the Environment, ~~and the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Natural Resources~~ to give consideration to contamination of groundwater and municipal water supplies from pesticides and other chemicals used in agricultural operations for certain purposes concerning groundwater protection; ~~providing for the selections of pesticides and other chemicals to be tested for and monitored;~~ requesting the Department of the Environment to continue to collect certain information and report on certain pesticides; requesting the Department of the Environment to establish a certain pilot program; requesting the Department of the Environment to work in conjunction with certain federal agencies to develop statewide monitoring which will consider certain factors; and generally relating to the administrative monitoring of groundwater in the State for certain protection purposes.

WHEREAS, Under Joint Resolution 5 of 1985 (S.J.R. 25), the General Assembly requested several units of State government to work cooperatively to develop, coordinate, and plan for groundwater protection policies, programs, and strategies in the State; and

WHEREAS, Groundwater protection strategies currently give consideration to contamination of groundwater from:

- (1) Underground petroleum, chemical, and hazardous waste storage tanks;
- (2) Landfills and hazardous waste sites;
- (3) Acid mine drainage;
- (4) Salt water intrusion;
- (5) Nitrates, herbicides, and pesticides; and
- (6) Septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, This Resolution requests the addition of pesticides and other chemicals used in agricultural operations to the list of factors that need to be taken into consideration when developing a comprehensive groundwater protection strategy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of the Environment, ~~and the Department of Agriculture, and the~~ and