

SIMPLE RESOLUTIONS PASSED  
separately by the  
SENATE OR HOUSE CHAMBER

**(House Simple Resolution No. 1)**

A House Simple Resolution concerning

**The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.**

FOR the purpose of recognizing, honoring, and expressing appreciation for the longest serving Speaker of the House of Delegates in the State of Maryland, the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.

WHEREAS, Casper R. Taylor, Jr., was elected to the House of Delegates in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Taylor served as chairman of the House Committee on Economic Matters from 1987 to 1994; he was then elected Speaker of the House of Delegates in January 1995 and continued to serve in that capacity until January 2003; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Speaker, Cas Taylor did much to preserve and advance the House of Delegates as an institution by establishing The Speaker's Society to recognize and memorialize the legacy of public service bestowed by the current and former members of the House; by establishing the Speaker's Medallion as an award given in recognition of an outstanding career of dedication and exemplary service to the House and the State; by initiating the restoration of the historic lounge of the House of Delegates; by incorporating modern technology into the floor proceedings of the House; by initiating a highly successful motor bus orientation tour of the State in the first year of a term for new members of the House; and, most significantly, fostering, through his deliberative approach to issues and the implementation of effective consensus building techniques, a climate of bipartisan cooperation among the members of the House; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Delegate Taylor in his capacity as Speaker of the House, the House of Delegates adopted a philosophy to address the needs of its poorest jurisdictions, implementing the "One Maryland" approach to meeting some of the critical economic development and social needs of our State; and

WHEREAS, Cas Taylor's leadership and vision made possible an essential and long overdue office building to augment the facilities of the House of Delegates and accommodate the public and the space needs of the standing committees and delegations in the House; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the new building adjacent to the current Lowe House Office Building is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2003; and

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Delegates wish to show their deep respect for Casper R. Taylor, Jr., and their appreciation of his enduring contributions