

Assembly, what deceased citizens of the State are, in the judgment of said commissioners, most worthy of this national commemoration, and particularly to report whether or not in the judgment of such commissioners one of such statues should be of Francis Scott Key, the author of our immortal national ode, "The Star Spangled Banner."

*Resolved*, That said commissioners shall submit in connection with their report to the General Assembly one or more designs or models by distinguished American sculptors, for the statue or statues which they shall so recommend; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be considered or construed as directly or indirectly committing the General Assembly to the acceptance of any such design or model, or to the expenditure of any money in the premises until and unless a special appropriation be hereafter made for the purpose.

To submit designs.

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No. 4.

WHEREAS, It has been currently reported that a bill is to be introduced into the Congress of the United States, providing for the removal of the United States Naval Academy from the city of Annapolis,

Preamble.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That we earnestly protest against any such proposed action upon the part of the Congress of the United States, it is hereby declared to be the sense of the General Assembly of Maryland, that the present location of the naval academy is admirable in every respect, it is near and accessible to the National Capital, is situated upon an arm of the Chesapeake bay, one of the finest sheets of water on our coast; that the health statistics show that the place is healthful, the climate salubrious, and affords a greater opportunity for out-door exercises than places further north or further south; that the surroundings are most desirable for the moral as well as for the physical welfare of the students at the institution, presenting the advantages of a quiet and refined society, and a freedom from the temptations and distractions of large and busy towns.

Protest against removal of naval academy.

*Resolved*, That the State of Maryland having ceded to the General Government, for the use of the naval academy, valued property, upon the representation of the Federal Government that the property is to be used for the purpose of the

Breach of faith.