other States, and from there to all public lands and natural resources, and so destroy our present system of dual sovereignty and constitutional government; and

WHEREAS, the claims of those who would extend the Federal power are sought to be plausibly and immediately masked under the needs for defense of natural resources, including oil, and the necessity of Federal power over marginal seas for national defense; and

WHEREAS, actually the establishment of the open seas at a point within three miles of the shore line may, in many cases, if not all, materially weaken the position of the United States in international law and thus hinder national defense; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has heretofore passed a Bill (which was vetoed by the President of the United States) to retain in the States their formerly undisputed sovereignty and rights with the saving provision as follows:

"Provided, however, That nothing in this Act shall affect the use, development, improvement, and control by or under the authority of the United States of said lands and waters for the purposes of navigation or flood control or the production or distribution of power, or be construed as the release or relinquishment of any rights of the United States arising under the authority of Congress to regulate or improve navigation or to provide for flood control or the production or distribution of power."
and:

WHEREAS, a majority of both Democrats and Republicans in the Congress, since the decision of *U. S. v. California,* have always favored the passage of such a Bill; and

WHEREAS, similar Bills are now pending in the Congress of the United States; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, (1) That the State of Maryland is emphatically in favor of continued State ownership and control, subject only to constitutionally delegated Federal powers of lands and resources within and beneath navigable waters within the boundaries of the respective States and requests Congress to pass suitable legislation to that end;