

*Be it further resolved*, That if Congress shall have proposed an amendment to the Constitution identical with that contained in this resolution prior to June 1, 1965, this application for a convention shall no longer be of any force or effect; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the State of Maryland is directed to send duly attested copies of this Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and each member of the Congress from the State of Maryland.

Approved March 11, 1965.

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No. 2

(House Joint Resolution 14)

House Joint Resolution endorsing the nomination of Francis Scott Key to The Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University.

WHEREAS, On the 14th of September, 1814, Francis Scott Key, after a night of vigil and dreadful suspense, during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, wrote "The Star Spangled Banner"; and

WHEREAS, This song, praising the patriots who fought to preserve American freedom, epitomizes the patriotic spirit and the ideals of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has designated "The Star Spangled Banner" as the National Anthem of the United States of America by an Act which was approved in 1931 by President Herbert Hoover; and

WHEREAS, National Anthem Day, which was proclaimed by the State of Maryland under JR 11 of the General Assembly of 1964, is being increasingly observed each year on the 14th of September to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Nation's song of victory; and

WHEREAS, A nation-wide movement, inaugurated by members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is now under way to secure greater appreciation for our National Anthem and greater honor for the poet who wrote it; and

WHEREAS, Francis Scott Key has been nominated by the Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation of Frederick, Maryland, for a place in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University, and the Electors of the Hall of Fame will vote upon the candidates for the Hall of Fame at the quinquennial election in 1965; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Governor of the State of Maryland, has issued a statement enthusiastically endorsing the