

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to each member of the Maryland Congressional Delegation with the suggestion that action be taken in Congress to designate the second Sunday in April "National Foster Parents Day."

Approved May 15, 1975.

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No. 53

(House Joint Resolution 59)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Energy - Minority Business Involvement

FOR the purpose of requesting the Energy Policy Office and the Minority Business Energy Task Force to submit a report concerning certain aspects of the energy crisis on minority businesses.

At the present time there exists a gross lack of understanding of the real energy situation among the minority businesses in our State, indeed in the United States. The energy crisis has predominately affected prices, and resource allocation. Our energy crisis and associated conservation measures under consideration by the Federal and State government will affect prices on a wide range, some at the obvious level of gasoline, heating, electricity, and some at secondary levels of increased costs of raw material, food, clothing, and other life necessities.

It is inevitable as we make adjustments and corrections that it will affect the method of doing business and change basic operating procedures. It is imperative that when we make these adjustments, we do not further increase the plight of our minority business.

It is important that intense concentrated consideration of this possibility be given to every contemplated change. We know that trade-offs and compromises must be made in the often head-butting areas of energy, ecology, and economics. It is important that the block of citizens comprising minority businesses understand these policies and work to accept adjustments and implement necessary changes.

Equally important however is the precept that those making decisions and initiating changes are fully aware