WHEREAS, The time a veteran spent in the military delayed any opportunity to accumulate membership credit in the retirement systems of the State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland should not be penalized for recognizing patriotic service in the United States military; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the United States Congress enact legislation under which the federal government would provide a share of the funds equal to the contributions of the State and local governments, out of which retirement benefits are awarded for service up to 5 years in the United States military; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20006; to the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Russell Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker of the House, Office of the Speaker, Room H—204, Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 1, 1979.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 38)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Hospice Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of requesting the Legislative Policy Committee to appoint a Hospice Reimbursement Study Commission; providing for its composition; providing for staff assistance and funding; and requiring the Commission to report its findings by a certain date.

WHEREAS, The terminally ill are in need of hospice care to continue life with minimal disruptions in routine activity, including working and remaining in the family environment; and