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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland Immigrants - Recognition of Contributions**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing the contributions of Maryland immigrants to the  
4 cultural, social, political and economic growth of the State; and urging the leaders  
5 of all three branches of the State government and all citizens of the State to join in  
6 this recognition.

7 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants have never been properly recognized,  
8 commended, or honored by this body since its inception; and

9 WHEREAS, We are the State and nation of immigrants; and

10 WHEREAS, The State government would be remiss if it were not to recognize  
11 Maryland immigrants, to protect their interests, and to nurture the role they play in  
12 community life; and

13 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants are hard-working, industrious, steadfast,  
14 diligent, loyal and productive participants and leaders in all aspects of State life and  
15 government; and

16 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants have an exceptional range of skills, talents,  
17 trades, and credentials; and

18 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants often work in unsatisfactory conditions and at all  
19 hours of the day and night all year long; and

20 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants lack many of the perquisites, benefits, and  
21 advantages of the mainstream Americans; and

22 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants often perform extraordinarily dangerous work  
23 under hazardous conditions without recognition or commendation; and

24 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants who are naturalized have the same rights of full  
25 citizenship as the U.S. citizens regardless of their country of origin or the color of their  
26 skin; and

27 WHEREAS, Maryland immigrants strengthen and enrich the fabric of a culturally  
28 diverse society; now, therefore, be it

29 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the  
30 General Assembly recognizes the dedication, talents, loyalty, hard work, and priceless

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1 contributions of Maryland immigrants to the cultural, social, political, and economic  
2 growth of the State and urges the leaders of all three branches of the State government  
3 and all citizens of the State to join in this public acknowledgment; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
5 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the  
6 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the  
7 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Honorable  
8 Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable  
10 William J. Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Albert R. Gore, Jr.,  
11 Vice President and Presiding Officer of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich,  
12 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable William Rehnquist,  
13 Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.