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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Inventory of Real Estate Holdings**

3 FOR the purpose of encouraging the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Baltimore City
4 Council, and the Comptroller of Baltimore City to use digital technology to
5 maintain an accurate inventory of the City's real estate holdings.

6 WHEREAS, The majority of the real estate holdings of Baltimore City has not been
7 managed as prudently or efficiently as possible; and

8 WHEREAS, Efficient management of Baltimore City's real estate holdings using
9 prudent business practices will ensure greater resources for the fulfillment of the City's
10 responsibilities; and

11 WHEREAS, The Charter of Baltimore City, Article V, Section 5(D), requires that:
12 "The Comptroller, working in conjunction with the heads of other affected municipal
13 agencies, shall maintain a public inventory of the City's properties"; and

14 WHEREAS, Baltimore City real estate holdings are assigned to various agencies,
15 for multiple uses, including lease owned and lease held property; and

16 WHEREAS, It is imperative that coordination of the uses of the properties, the
17 requirements of the properties, and leases for the properties be maintained digitally and
18 centrally; and

19 WHEREAS, The efforts cooperatively undertaken by the Comptroller of Baltimore
20 City and the Baltimore City Department of Real Estate to develop a coordinated and
21 efficient method to manage and maintain an inventory of the City's real estate holdings
22 has shown slow progress; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That, within 1
24 year of the date of the passage of this Resolution, the Comptroller of Baltimore City and
25 the Baltimore City Department of Real Estate, should complete the effort to develop a
26 method, using digital technology, to manage and maintain the real estate holdings of
27 Baltimore City, and should publish a report, which will be available to the public, of the
28 proposed method for managing Baltimore City's real estate holdings; and be it further

29 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
30 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the
31 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
32 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable Joan

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- 1 M. Pratt, Comptroller of Baltimore City; the Honorable Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor of
- 2 Baltimore City; and each member of the Baltimore City Council.