

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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By: **Delegate C. Davis**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Marshall Edward Conway**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to grant a pardon to Marshall Edward  
4 Conway, who has been incarcerated in various State correctional facilities for 30  
5 years.

6 WHEREAS, Marshall Edward Conway was accused of killing a Baltimore police  
7 officer and wounding a second officer in 1969; and

8 WHEREAS, That with the case against Mr. Conway, an impoverished black  
9 defendant, resting primarily on the dubious word of a jail house informer, there are  
10 strong indications that Mr. Conway did not in fact commit any crime but was  
11 incarcerated only because he was a leader of the Baltimore Black Panther Party; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Conway and his family were the targets of surveillance and  
13 severe harassment by the FBI COINTELPRO, a counterintelligence program  
14 designed to infiltrate, disrupt, and eliminate the Black Panther Party; and

15 WHEREAS, While in prison, Mr. Conway has been a role model to other  
16 inmates, fighting for better living conditions, helping to create education programs for  
17 inmates at the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup, and working to support  
18 racial, economic, and social justice; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Conway has earned two associate of arts degrees and a bachelor  
20 of social science degree while holding down a full-time job in the prison system;

21 WHEREAS, One of the few ways still available in which Mr. Conway can gain  
22 his deserved freedom is through a pardon by the Governor; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
24 Governor of Maryland grant Marshall Edward Conway a pardon; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
26 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;  
27 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and  
28 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.