

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

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By: **Delegate C. Davis**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **James Joseph Hammond**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Secretary of State and the United States Congress to
4 support the return of James Joseph Hammond to his mother in the United
5 States.

6 WHEREAS, Due to bitter divorce proceedings, Michelle Renee Hammond (nee
7 English) and James Hammond gave permission for their minor son, James Joseph
8 Hammond to stay with Hannelor Michler in Wurzburg, Germany until March 18,
9 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, Michelle Renee English was awarded sole custody of James Joseph
11 Hammond by a court in the United States on December 19, 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, The Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland
13 recommended on January 7, 1999 that James Joseph Hammond be returned to his
14 mother in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The German courts have refused to return James Joseph
16 Hammond to his mother in the United States; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
18 Maryland General Assembly strongly urges the State Department and the United
19 States Congress to support the return of James Joseph Hammond to the United
20 States; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
22 Legislative Services to Colin L. Powell, United States Secretary of State, U.S.
23 Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520; the Maryland
24 Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski,
25 Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T.
26 Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny
27 Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella,
28 House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Parris N. Glendening,
29 Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the
30 Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of
31 Delegates.

