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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Annotated Code of Maryland – Dedicated to Roger D. Redden**

3 FOR the purpose of dedicating the Annotated Code of Maryland to Roger D. Redden.

4 BY adding to

5 Article – State Government

6 Section 13–601 to be under the amended title “Title 13. Emblems;
7 Commemorations” and the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Dedication of the
8 Annotated Code of Maryland”

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, Since 1970, the Annotated Code of Maryland has been the subject
13 of an ongoing process of reorganization and modernization that is now almost
14 complete; and

15 WHEREAS, This massive undertaking began on the strength of a convincing
16 argument made in a Maryland Law Review article, co-written in 1969 by
17 Roger D. Redden, long-tenured and highly regarded attorney in Baltimore City with
18 the renowned firm of Piper and Marbury; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Redden noted in his law review article that Maryland’s
20 then-current codification of statutory laws was a chaotic “jig saw pattern”, with
21 “inconsistencies and overlappings” and “archaic and purely local” provisions; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Redden’s article laid out the framework of what has become
23 the now-familiar compilation of the statutory laws of Maryland arranged by broad

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 subject areas and bound in dark red volumes published as Michie's Annotated Code of
2 Maryland; and

3 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Mr. Redden and others, Maryland's code
4 revision process and its work product became a national model for expressing
5 statutory law in clear, concise, and consistent language; and

6 WHEREAS, Roger D. Redden passed away on January 29, 2008; now, therefore,

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

9 **Article - State Government**

10 Title 13. Emblems; [Commemorative Days] **COMMEMORATIONS.**

11 **SUBTITLE 6. DEDICATION OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.**

12 **13-601.**

13 **THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY**
14 **OF ROGER D. REDDEN, ESQUIRE.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2008.