[CHAPTER 454]  
AN ACT

To provide for the rank and title of lieutenant general of the Regular Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the major generals of the Regular Army specifically assigned by the Secretary of War to command the four armies of the United States Army shall have the rank and title of lieutenant general while so serving: Provided, That major generals, while holding the rank and title of lieutenant general under the foregoing provisions, shall be entitled to receive the pay and allowances of a major general and, in addition, shall be entitled to receive the same personal money allowances as are now, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law for vice admirals of the Navy: Provided further, That should an officer, while serving in the rank of lieutenant general be retired from active service, he shall be retired with the lineal rank and the retired pay to which he would be entitled had he not been serving in the rank of lieutenant general, the provisions of section 1254, Revised Statutes (10 U. S. C. 1025), to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 455]  
JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for participation by the United States in the celebration to be held at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1939, in celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of providing for participation by the United States in the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, there is hereby established a commission to be composed of the President of the United States, of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the United States Senators from the State of Maryland, three Senators to be appointed by the President of the Senate, the Members of the House of Representatives from the State of Maryland, three Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor of Maryland, the mayor of the city of Baltimore, and three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States. It shall be the duty of such commission to formulate and carry out plans for participation by the United States in the celebration to be held at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1939, in commemoration of such anniversary. The members of such commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Sec. 2. The commission is authorized to make such expenditures for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the first section of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable. Expenditures of the commission shall be paid upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the chairman of the commission.

Sec. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $5,000 to be expended by the commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the first section of this joint resolution.

Sec. 4. The President is authorized to extend invitations to foreign governments to be represented by their accredited diplomatic agents at the celebration to be held at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1939, in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary
of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner: Provided, That no appropriation shall be granted by the United States for expenses of delegates or for other expenses incurred in connection with such invitation.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 456]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Librarian of Congress to return to Williamsburg Lodge, Numbered Six, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Virginia, the original manuscript of the record of the proceedings of said lodge.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Librarian of Congress is hereby authorized and directed to return to Williamsburg Lodge, Numbered Six, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Virginia, the original manuscript of the record of the proceedings of said lodge, which is contained in one bound volume now in the manuscript division of the Library of Congress, marked "Virginia, Williamsburg Masonic Lodge, Minute Book, 1773-1779, L. C.", and which manuscript was taken from the files of said lodge during the Civil War by some party or parties unknown.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 457]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing that the farmers' market in blocks 354 and 355 in the District of Columbia shall not be used for other purposes.

Whereas a farm market was conducted on Louisiana Avenue between Ninth and Twelfth Streets for thirty or forty years under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture; and
Whereas the farmers were induced to give up this market on condition that other land of equal size and value would be obtained; and
Whereas $300,000 was appropriated in March 1929 for this purpose; and
Whereas two city blocks, known as 354 and 355 in southwest Washington, were obtained and deeded to the District of Columbia to be used expressly for a farmers' market; and
Whereas part of block 355 has now been taken for a District inspection station in direct opposition to this agreement and breaking the implied contract that this project would be available for a farm market; and
Whereas there is danger of the rest of the market also being confiscated: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the remaining parts of these lots shall from now on be inviolate as a farmers' market and shall not be taken from them as long as needed by said farmers as a market place.

Approved, August 5, 1939.