

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Delaware

Senate JOINT Resolution # 6

We hereby Certify that the enclosed is the same Act that was passed by both Houses of the General Assembly.

[Signature] President *Pro Tem* of the Senate.
[Signature] Speaker of the House.

We hereby Certify that the enclosed Act is properly backed, stamped and sealed, and is the same Act as above Certified to.

[Signature] Bill Clerk of the Senate
[Signature] Bill Clerk of the House

Certified with

[Signature] Secretary of the Senate
[Signature] Clerk of the House

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[Signature] Governor



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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO COMMEMORATE THE CATASTROPHIC SHIPWRECK OF THE FAITHFUL STEWARD, OFF OF DELAWARE SEASHORE STATE PARK BY THE ERECTION OF A STATE HISTORICAL MARKER ON THE DUNES OVERLOOKING THE SITE, ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1985, THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WRECK,

1 WHEREAS, the Faithful Steward's grounding and sinking on September 2, 1785 is one of Delaware's
2 most famous maritime tragedies; and

3 WHEREAS, over two hundred Irish immigrants and seamen lost their lives that day in the surf near
4 Indian River Inlet; and

5 WHEREAS, the Faithful Steward's large consignment of coinage bound for the Americas, as well as
6 the life's savings of the hundreds of immigrants have since washed ashore by the thousands and is
7 commonly believed to be the source of the many remarkable finds made on Delaware's "Coin Beach"; and

8 WHEREAS, the Delaware Seashore State Park in the vicinity of the wrecksite of The Faithful
9 Steward has been one of the most productive coin beaches in North America; and

10 WHEREAS, the two hundredth anniversary of The Faithful Steward's catastrophic sinking will fall on
11 Labor Day, September 2, 1985; and

12 WHEREAS, Labor Day is traditionally reserved to honor persons such as the Irish immigrants whose
13 labor was so instrumental in the growth of this State and this nation.

14 NOW, THEREFORE:

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of
16 Delaware, the House and Representatives and the Governor concurring therein, that the Director of the
17 Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs commemorate the tragic loss of The Faithful Steward and the
18 ill-fated immigrants aboard her, as well as her legacy, the Delaware Coin Beach, by the erection of a
19 State Historical Marker on the Delaware Seashore State Park dunes overlooking the wrecksite.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such dedication take place on September 2, 1985, the two
21 hundredth anniversary of the wreck of The Faithful Steward.

SYNOPSIS

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