

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED STATES  
INITIATIVE IN THE PREVENTION OF GLOBAL WARMING

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30     WHEREAS:     Global warming is the heating of the earth's land-surface temperature due to the trapping  
40                     of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere; and,

50     WHEREAS:     Measured atmospheric levels of greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide,  
60                     chlorofluorocarbons, methane, and nitrous oxide have risen substantially in recent decades;  
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80     WHEREAS:     Ten of the warmest years of the 113-year recorded history of land-surface temperature  
90                     measurements have occurred since 1980; and,

100    WHEREAS:     The increases in greenhouse gases are due to human activity such as the burning of fossil  
110                    fuels, agriculture, use of CFC's, and deforestation; and,

120    WHEREAS:     The effects of global warming will bring expanded ranges of tropical diseases and other  
130                    devastating health problems, perilous sea level rise, more intense tropical storms,  
140                    extinction of countless plant and animal species, and failure of crops in the world's most  
150                    vulnerable regions; and,

160    WHEREAS:     The effects of global warming will not discriminate against race, nationality, region, or  
170                    species and, therefore, are problems that will effect every member of the international  
180                    community; and,

190    WHEREAS:     The continued emission of greenhouse gases at current rates will cause global warming  
200                    and subsequent climate change, the effects of which may be catastrophic and irreversible;  
210                    and,

220    WHEREAS:     The United States is a primary leader in the international community whose influences  
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240    WHEREAS:     The United States is a primary producer of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses;  
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260    WHEREAS:     An initiative on behalf of the United States on preventing the effects of global warming  
270                    by reduced greenhouse emissions and ending deforestation could lead to the  
280                    implementing of similar policies in foreign countries.

290    THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Government of the  
300                    United States of America take initiative in preventing global warming by improving auto  
310                    efficiency by raising mileage-per-gallon (CAFÉ) standards for new imported and  
320                    domestic cars and light trucks, accelerating the rate of energy efficiency gains industry,  
330                    residential and commercial buildings through combinations of policy measures, including  
340                    improving efficiency for lighting standards and appliances; implementing effective  
350                    market incentives; promoting government investment in research and development  
360                    programs; and ending fossil fuel subsidies; and,

370    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:     That, included in this initiative, the United States would accelerate  
380                                        research and development of solar and renewable energy technologies and  
390                                        implement programs to end deforestation, both domestic and foreign efforts, and  
400                                        encourage and support afforestation.

410    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:     That the Maryland Student Legislature urges President Bush to work  
420                                        with foreign leaders to implement, and the senate to ratify, the Koyoto Protocol.

430 MANDATES: President George W. Bush  
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450 EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman  
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