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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
MEDIA SELF-CENSORSHIP**

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WHEREAS: Mass Media regulate themselves according to that which is news worthy and often are asked to consider accuracy and truthfulness above all else; and,

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WHEREAS: The nature of children is to mimic others so when a subject is presented that is sensitive in manner, it often leads to a situation similar to the one that occurred beforehand; and

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WHEREAS: Copycat crimes amongst adolescents are due to the media attention given such to occurrences in the wake of the recent crime wave in schools; and

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WHEREAS: 1 in 5 high school boys have taken a weapon to school.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature encourage the media to consider their audience of adolescent viewers because of the sensitive content of the matter; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General Assembly to enforce that these crimes involving adolescents are more responsibly handled by the FCC to prevent any further problems of violence in schools.

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MANDATES: Chairman Michael K. Powell, Federal Communications Commission  
Commissioner Susan Ness, Federal Communications Commission  
Commissioner Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Federal Communications Commission  
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